

Tuesday September 17 1996

Table of international exchange rates for various countries including Abu Dhabi, Albania, Andorra, etc.

The Guardian INTERNATIONAL

Printed in London, Manchester, Frankfurt and Roubaix

NEWSPAPER OF THE YEAR 46,660

When vows of celibacy can't survive

Sex and the Catholic church

G2 with European weather

Inside Story

Alcohol and its dependents

G2 pages 4/5

Education

Boffin island could be sinking

G2 pages 10/11

Cost of a degree - £20,000

Student loans

Table showing student loan amounts for 2000 and 2005, including maintenance and tuition fees.

Crisis plan by universities would scrap principle of free tuition

John Carvel Education Editor. STUDENTS would have to repay more than £20,000 towards the cost of their university degree under proposals to be agreed this week by the vice-chancellors...

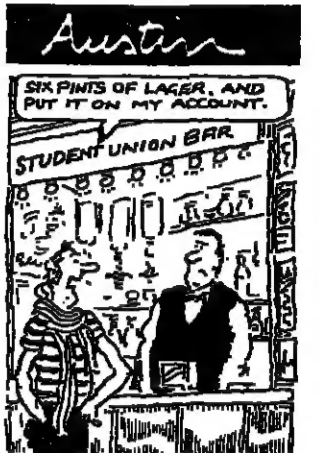
financial crisis, the universities have put together a plan to raise an extra £6 billion a year by transferring a large slice of the funding for higher education from the Government to graduates...

year throughout the period of study. Together these debts would leave the average graduate qualifying after a three-year degree course owing £20,625. Students doing four-year degrees and those going on to postgraduate courses would have to pay considerably more...

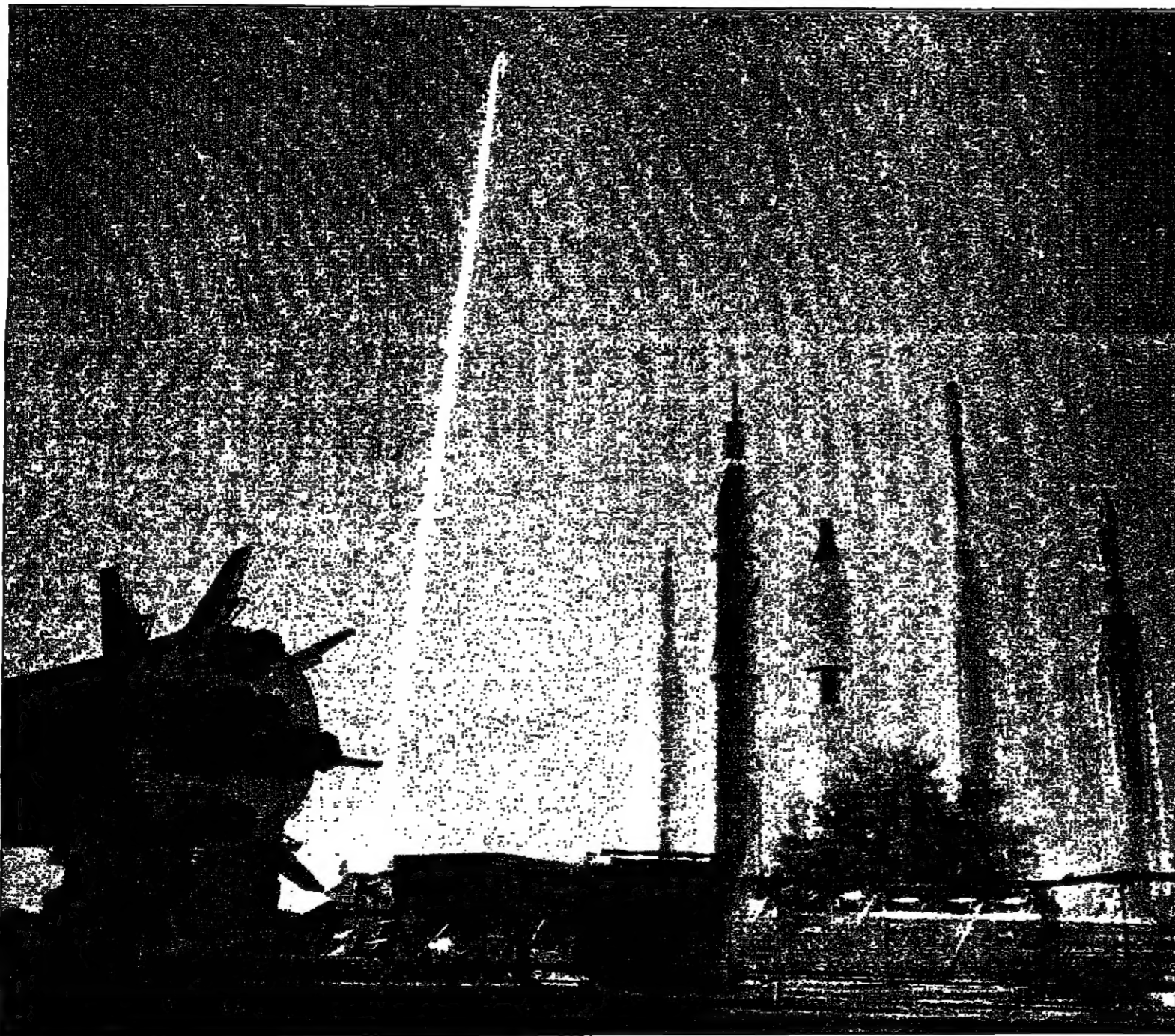
be agreed at the annual conference of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals, which starts this evening in Sheffield. It takes the form of a recommendation to the Government Inquiry into higher education under Sir Ron Dearing. Sir Ron is due to present a blueprint for universities in the 21st century shortly after the general election...

changes are unlikely to come into force for four years. Tuition fees for full-time undergraduates would be introduced at £1,200 in the academic year 2000/1 and gradually increased to £2,400 by 2005/6. Labour and the Liberal Democrats have already called for reform of student maintenance to abolish the traditional grant in favour of a more generous loan...

only a fraction above base rate", with banks advancing much of the money and receiving repayments from National Insurance via the Collections Agency. The Government's administration cost is estimated at £900 million a year by 2005/6. Douglas Trainer, president of the National Union of Students, said he understood the vice-chancellors' problems...



Mission: to boldly go and bring back 'stranded' woman astronaut



Shuttle Atlantis sets off from Kennedy Space Centre to bring home Shannon Lucid, who has been six months at space station Mir

Bishop surfaces to quit his post

Peter Hetherington. ANGUISHED leaders of the Roman Catholic church in Scotland last night urged the runaway Bishop of Argyll and the Isles to show penitence and remain in the priesthood after a day of unprecedented drama involving his arrest and arrest...

details about the relationship, although the cardinal insisted that the question of sexual relations did not emerge. But it was clear the hierarchy felt that Bishop Wright had crossed the boundaries of clerical morality some time ago and had a clear choice to make: give up Mrs Macphee as a first step towards rehabilitation...

could continue as a priest if he had had a relationship with the woman. Cardinal Winning said: "Well, it depends what you mean by a relationship. You can go to confession, you know. There's a church of sinners... there's many a fallen person who is penitent enough..."

Tory fury at 'hostile' radio interview with Clarke

Mawhinney's complaint to BBC says Blair got kid glove treatment

Ewen MacAskill and Rebecca Smithers. THE Tories sparked a fresh confrontation with the BBC yesterday, after the Conservative Party chairman Brian Mawhinney complained about the "hostile" and "caustic" way the Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, was interviewed on Radio 4's Today programme...

claiming that in a separate interview on the same programme, Labour leader Tony Blair had been treated "with kid gloves". During the interview by Anna Ford, Mr Clarke gave a propaganda boost to Mr Blair when he admitted Labour was not the threat it used to be...

to grab the money. The slogan reads: "This year the average family has £700 more spending money, after tax and inflation, than at the last election." Launching the poster, which will appear on sites throughout the UK, Dr Mawhinney said: "The good news is that this represents £700 more for the average British family to spend or save as they wish. This fact is supported by independent official statistics. The message is clear: Life is better under the Conservatives and will get better still."

Mawhinney said: "This morning's edition of the Today programme displayed a blatant lack of balance between the ways in which Ken Clarke and Tony Blair were interviewed." He added: "Anna Ford repeatedly interrupted the Chancellor, who was not given the chance to develop his points. Her questions were openly hostile and her final remark at the end of the interview - 'So you are not going to elevate the debate' - was a disgraceful lapse from impartiality into blatant editorialising."

Blair was barely interrupted at all. The exchange started and ended gently and was not conducted with the caustic manner that Ms Ford used in her interview with the Chancellor. He called on the BBC to take action to correct what he described as similar lapses by Today presenters and to remind them of their need to pay more than lip service to the guidelines regarding equal treatment between the parties. A Conservative Central Office spokesman said that unlike Labour it was rare for the party to complain but Mr Clarke had been "shell-shocked" by the "sneering"

tone of the interview. Labour dismissed the Conservative complaint as retaliation over its objection to what it saw as a recent News At Ten interview with John Major. Frank Dobson, the shadow environment secretary, said: "In time honoured fashion, Mr Mawhinney is embarking on the ritual pre-election BBC softening up exercise. His bullying tactics must not be allowed to prevail." A BBC spokesman said: "We have received the letter and it will be considered and replied to in the usual way."

Inside

Britain A teenage boy spent 10 days in a hypnotic trance in hospital after playing a motor racing game in an amusement arcade.

World News A judge in France is to call for four Libyans to be tried in absentia over the bombing in 1989 of a French airliner over the Sahara.

Finance Britain's highest paid directors won pay rises worth 12.1 per cent last year. They now earn £684,621 on average.

Sport Arsenal at last confirmed Arsene Wenger would be their new manager. He will take over at Highbury later this month.

Comment and Letters 8 Obituaries 10 G2 Crossword 15; Weather 16; Radio 16; TV 15

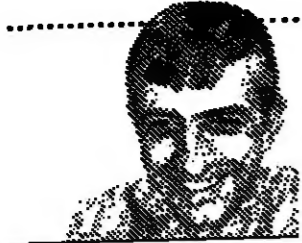


Life insurance over the phone in less than ten minutes? That'll be the day.

Two hundred years after the invention of life insurance, only one company can insure most people over the phone in less than ten minutes. As for the rest, well, they'll be along in... cr...in... Well, give them time. Virgin direct personal financial service 0345 95 95 95

Sketch

Raising ghosts of Christmas future



David Ward

THERE were bare midriffs yesterday on the A62, the main road from Manchester to Oldham...

Late afternoon drinkers sipped cooling pints of lager outside the Wheatsheaf in Fallsword...

With the expectation of celebration, bulbous loops dangle across the pedestrianised zone near Burger King...

Some allege darkly that until recently there was even a Happy Christmas banner across a street in the town centre...

"We will not be putting the more obviously Christmas decorations up for some time," said a spokeswoman.

"I think it's nauseating. They seem to be doing their job. The lights have to be strung up on quiet Sundays and work has to be started early so that all would be ready for the big switch-on in November."

Review

Swept up in a tide of misfortune

Robert Dawson Scott

Men Should Weep Dundee Rep/Touring

WITH very few exceptions, there has been a curious reluctance to give second or third productions to modern British plays, however good they are.

Yet it is, by any standards, a remarkable work: 10 years ahead of Look Back in Anger in its unflinching portrayal of working class life...

Lamont Stewart rewrote it at some point before the 1982 revival, cutting out some heavy-handed melodrama and leaving a slight glimmer of hope at the end...

Alliance to offer Yeltsin a partnership on European security in exchange for expanding eastwards

Nato opens arms to Russia

John Palmer in Brussels

NATO governments are to offer Russia an unprecedented partnership in jointly managing Europe's security...

A blueprint for a 21st-century European security system, being finalised by alliance governments, envisages a "Nato and Russia Charter" organisation with its own secretary-general...

The summit, to be held in France or the US, will invite four countries — the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovenia — to begin negotiations for Nato membership...

Western leaders are increasingly confident that Russia will accept a limited Nato enlargement, on condition that no nuclear weapons or foreign troops are based in the new member states...

But it seems already that matters have probably gone too far, in spite of the cardinal's cautious optimism that the bishop might return to the priesthood.

PROFILE: Bishop Wright

IT WAS outspoken for a man not given to courting publicity, but few of his parishioners realised that it might also conceal an inner anguish.

When the Right Reverend Roderick Wright, Bishop of Argyll and Isles, was questioned about celibacy in the Catholic church during the scandal over the Irish bishop Eamon Casey fathering a child...

Four years later, Bishop Wright, aged 56, has delivered one of the most serious blows to the Catholic church in Britain in the last 50 years yet he has attracted none of the opprobrium that Bishop Casey of Galway generated.

Affable, honourable and charismatic, he was still being described in the most glowing terms yesterday, as he resigned his responsibilities for the 11,400 Catholics in the diocese...

But it is one of Lamont Stewart's most telling observations, and a very uncomfortable one for the working class audiences that used to attend Glasgow Unity productions...

For the moment, the performance seems a bit too pale and the show is stolen from her by her glamorous and feckless daughter-in-law, Isa...

The proficiency badge even boasts a picture of PR's essential tool: the mobile phone.

Scouts drop their 'ging gang goolie' image for buzz of a PR badge

DIB, dib, dib is passé. Forget ging gang goolie. Scouts' new buzzwords are promotion, presentation and PR. Out go images of damp canvas and songs around a campfire...

John Fogg, the association's PR, but not a badge holder, said its introduction reflected the media-literacy of modern youth...

John Fogg, the association's PR, but not a badge holder, said its introduction reflected the media-literacy of modern youth...

John Fogg, the association's PR, but not a badge holder, said its introduction reflected the media-literacy of modern youth...

John Fogg, the association's PR, but not a badge holder, said its introduction reflected the media-literacy of modern youth...

John Fogg, the association's PR, but not a badge holder, said its introduction reflected the media-literacy of modern youth...

But it seems already that matters have probably gone too far, in spite of the cardinal's cautious optimism that the bishop might return to the priesthood.

But it seems already that matters have probably gone too far, in spite of the cardinal's cautious optimism that the bishop might return to the priesthood.

But it seems already that matters have probably gone too far, in spite of the cardinal's cautious optimism that the bishop might return to the priesthood.

But it seems already that matters have probably gone too far, in spite of the cardinal's cautious optimism that the bishop might return to the priesthood.

But it seems already that matters have probably gone too far, in spite of the cardinal's cautious optimism that the bishop might return to the priesthood.

But it seems already that matters have probably gone too far, in spite of the cardinal's cautious optimism that the bishop might return to the priesthood.

But it seems already that matters have probably gone too far, in spite of the cardinal's cautious optimism that the bishop might return to the priesthood.

But it seems already that matters have probably gone too far, in spite of the cardinal's cautious optimism that the bishop might return to the priesthood.

But it seems already that matters have probably gone too far, in spite of the cardinal's cautious optimism that the bishop might return to the priesthood.

But it seems already that matters have probably gone too far, in spite of the cardinal's cautious optimism that the bishop might return to the priesthood.

But it seems already that matters have probably gone too far, in spite of the cardinal's cautious optimism that the bishop might return to the priesthood.

But it seems already that matters have probably gone too far, in spite of the cardinal's cautious optimism that the bishop might return to the priesthood.

Fleeing bishop quits post

continued from page one does not mean to say that he has abandoned celibacy. He said it would be wrong to make changes in a society which was "sex ridden... we would be following the fashion."

But it seems already that matters have probably gone too far, in spite of the cardinal's cautious optimism that the bishop might return to the priesthood.

But it seems already that matters have probably gone too far, in spite of the cardinal's cautious optimism that the bishop might return to the priesthood.

But it seems already that matters have probably gone too far, in spite of the cardinal's cautious optimism that the bishop might return to the priesthood.

But it seems already that matters have probably gone too far, in spite of the cardinal's cautious optimism that the bishop might return to the priesthood.

But it seems already that matters have probably gone too far, in spite of the cardinal's cautious optimism that the bishop might return to the priesthood.

But it seems already that matters have probably gone too far, in spite of the cardinal's cautious optimism that the bishop might return to the priesthood.

SORRY IF YOU'RE UNDER AGE WE CAN'T SERVE YOU. OUR LOW COST HOME INSURANCE IS ONLY AVAILABLE TO PEOPLE OVER 50. This is why our premiums are so low. Call us today to find out how much you could be saving.

INSIDE BAGHDAD. Bom we un that - they s. Clinton tr strategy short-term. Analysis. Martin Walker. Clarke to announce.

مكاتب التحرير

INSIDE BAGHDAD



As President Clinton appears to be pulling back from further air strikes on Iraq, Maggie O'Kane finds people in Baghdad more concerned about the daily struggle to feed their families than about the threat of more assaults.



An Iraqi girl watches her mother brandish an AK-47 machine-gun at a rally in Baghdad in support of Saddam Hussein

PHOTOGRAPH: JASSIM MOHAMED

Bomb his palace - we understand that - but why are they starving us?

IN DISTRICT 838 - al-Dora, on the outskirts of Baghdad - there is a street of 10 pale blocks of flats where no one talks much about whether the Americans are coming to bomb Iraq again.

He is a gentle, grey-haired man who closed down his life on February 13 1991 when a 2,000lb bomb - of genuine US provenance - dropped through the roof of the Al-Mirya shelter in the capital. It killed his wife Hafsa, aged 42, and his four children: Saddam, then aged six; Lina, seven; Fuad, 12; and Zina, 14.

He remembers the remains of two dead women being laid out the next morning, and how their ankles had been torn on the metal bedsprings as they tried to flee from the furnace. There were no bodies left.

Across the road, in the shop in Building 139, Saad Abdul Karim, aged 48, says the old man speaks to no one and lives on buttermilk. Saad has five children and his own legacy from His Excellency, the President. He is one of the 2.5 million Iraqi soldiers sent to fight in the Iran-Iraq war of 1980-88.

On the street corner, a man - who claims he is "not a member of the Ba'ath Party" - has things to explain about the purported US bombing. He is in each house in the street with us, listening as people talk. In his own corner flat in Building 145, the bar in his lounge sports bottles of Glenfiddich whisky and Grand Marnier liquor. He can see into the hearts of the people on the street and they know it.

Clinton trades strategy for short-term fix

Analysis Martin Walker in Washington

EVERYONE is claiming victory in the Iraqi crisis. Saddam Hussein has reasserted his authority over northern Iraq, and left the original Gulf war coalition in disarray. But President Bill Clinton says that in the oil-rich Gulf - where it matters to United States interests - President Saddam is more boxed in, and the Gulf allies more secure, than ever.

Second aircraft carrier and Stealth warplanes, and alert its troops, suggests the Pentagon's strategy could work against a new Iraqi attack. To a US obsessed with pre-election opinion polls, that capability of enforcing its global military hegemony may be enough. But the longer-term politics and diplomacy of this not-quite war suggest US interests could face a huge defeat.

The four-fold implications of this crisis are grim for Washington. First, the oil-rich Gulf allies are so fearful of internal dissent that they would rather risk their security by offending their US protector than be seen to host US bombers, like Bahrain, or to welcome US troops, like Kuwait.

European allies are not co-operating with sanctions against Iran, and Turkey is no longer prepared even to pay lip service to its supposedly sealed border with Iraq. Dual containment assumed the two most powerful states in the region would play their assigned roles, forever fighting like cats in a sack, and cause no alarm to their neighbours. But the neighbours are not comforted.

Clarke to announce fourth freeze on public sector pay bill in bid to pave way to tax cuts

Michael White and Larry Elliott

THE Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, will today tighten the Government's pre-election squeeze on public spending when he announces the fourth successive freeze on the public sector pay bill, affecting five million workers.

to find room for modest pre-election tax cuts, teachers, health service workers and other groups will have to agree through "efficiencies and other economies."

will cite the benign inflationary position as the reason for public borrowing will show that the state finances are improving less rapidly than the Chancellor envisaged. Mr Clarke's stance reflects the Treasury's desperate efforts to cut spending in the hope of being able to justify tax cuts in his November 26 Budget.

European allies are not co-operating with sanctions against Iran, and Turkey is no longer prepared even to pay lip service to its supposedly sealed border with Iraq. Dual containment assumed the two most powerful states in the region would play their assigned roles, forever fighting like cats in a sack, and cause no alarm to their neighbours.

European allies are not co-operating with sanctions against Iran, and Turkey is no longer prepared even to pay lip service to its supposedly sealed border with Iraq. Dual containment assumed the two most powerful states in the region would play their assigned roles, forever fighting like cats in a sack, and cause no alarm to their neighbours.

its second-most important alliance in the region - with Turkey. Earlier this year, the Clinton administration appeared to have secured the strategic breakthrough of an Israeli government willing to negotiate peace with the Arabs, and a Turkish government ready to reach a military alliance with Israel. But Benjamin Netanyahu's election win has made Israeli-Arab peace problematic, and the inability of Turkey's security council to agree to join the European Union, criticised by the US for incursions into Iraq against Kurdistan Workers' Party guerrilla bases, Turkey may shift from being a minor player in the Western camp to a leading one in the Islamic world.

DEAR MR TAXMAN

THE INLAND REVENUE ANSWERS YOUR QUESTIONS ABOUT SELF ASSESSMENT

TANTRIC TAX

Dear Taxman My boyfriend is adamant that Self Assessment is a new form of tantric meditation. Is he right? Confused, ISLINGTON.

TAXMAN SAYS There is nothing tantric about Self Assessment. It's a clearer, more straightforward system for working out and paying tax. From next April, when your first new-style Self Assessment tax return arrives (assuming you usually get a tax return), you will have fixed dates for filing it in, sending it back and making payments. If you want to find out more, call 0345 161574 for some free booklets.

RECORD ROWS

Dear Taxman Recently keep good records for other my business partner and I Government Departments such as Customs and Excise and the Department of Social Security. And if you need a bank loan you'll need records to show the state of your business. For more information, call 0345 161574 to get a copy of our leaflet on keeping records.

PAINFUL ARREARS

Dear Taxman While dusting behind the clock recently I came across some old tax papers that I haven't responded to. I haven't a clue what they mean. Should I just put them back and forget about them?

DIY QUERY

Dear Taxman Can you recommend a reliable yet inexpensive electronic calculator, as I believe I will now have to calculate my own tax?

Unodded, EDINBURGH. TAXMAN SAYS Save your money. We will still do the calculation for you if you complete and send back your new-style Self Assessment tax return (which you'll get in April, 1997) by 30 September, 1997. If you'd rather work out your tax yourself then you have until 31 January, 1998 to send in your return.

Worried, CHESTER. TAXMAN SAYS Unfortunately, they won't go away. You have to sort them out and get your tax affairs up-to-date now before you get into a bigger mess when Self Assessment comes in. If you are in a muddle and need help, contact your accountant or tax adviser if you have one, or get in touch with your Tax Office for help and advice. The telephone number will be on any correspondence you have from us, or in the phone book under 'Inland Revenue'.

How do I avoid penalties? Desperate, WEMBLEY. TAXMAN SAYS Fill in the tax return you'll receive next April accurately, and get it in on time. If you want us to work out your bill for you, we must receive it by 30 September, 1997. If you would prefer to do the calculation yourself, the date is 31 January, 1998. If you miss that date you risk an automatic £100 penalty.

Fine on the spot?

Dear Taxman How do I avoid penalties? Desperate, WEMBLEY. TAXMAN SAYS Fill in the tax return you'll receive next April accurately, and get it in on time. If you want us to work out your bill for you, we must receive it by 30 September, 1997. If you would prefer to do the calculation yourself, the date is 31 January, 1998. If you miss that date you risk an automatic £100 penalty.

Please send me more information about Self Assessment. Please tick a box if you are: Self-employed [ ] Employed [ ] A Pensioner [ ] Seeking work [ ]

Name (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms)

Address

Postcode



Self Assessment - a clearer tax system

PLEASE RETURN COUPON TO: SELF ASSESSMENT PO BOX 555 BRISTOL BS99 50J

O RUSSIA

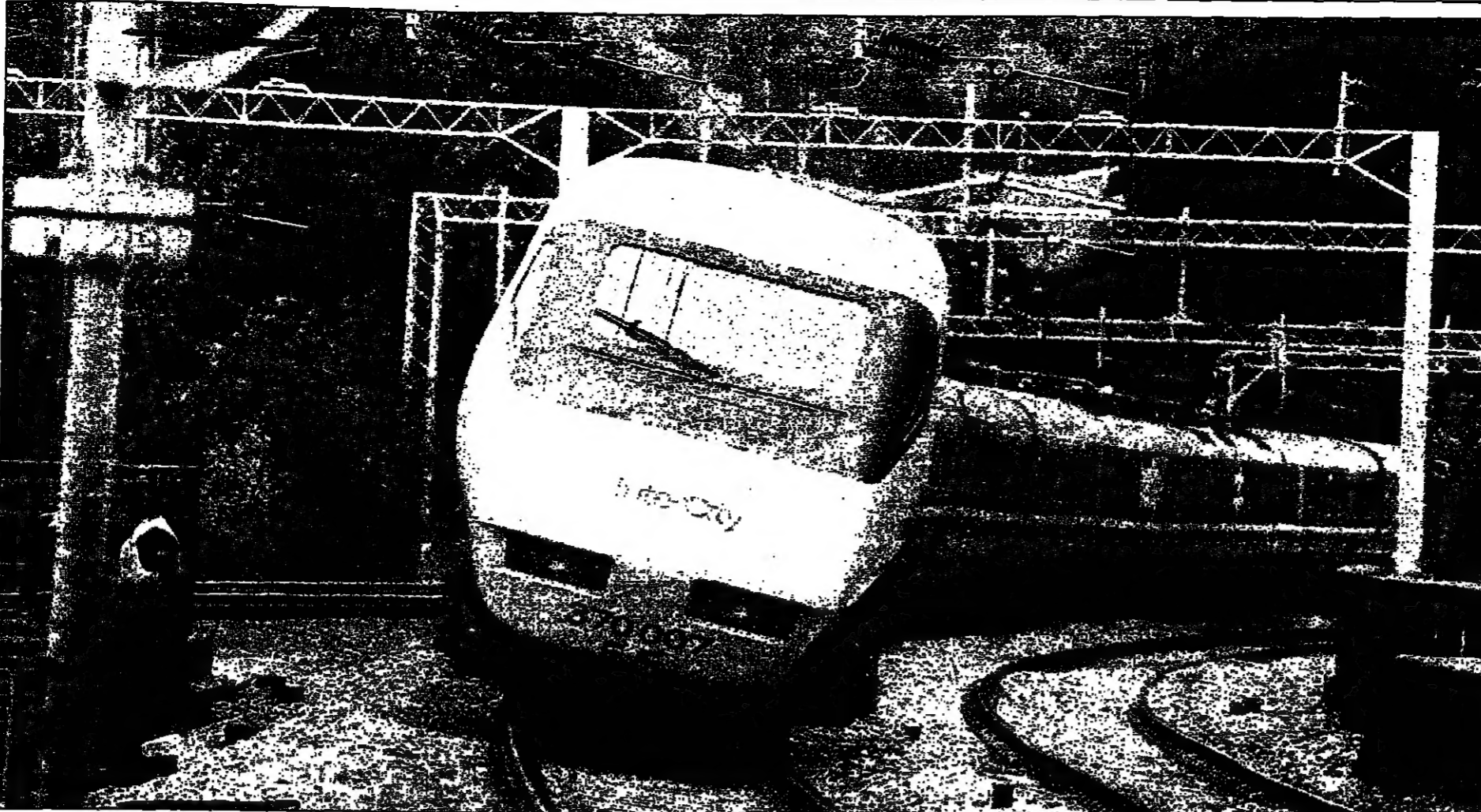
Flee Bisha quits post

SORRY WE CAN'T HELP YOU

OUR LOW COST HOME INSURANCE IS ONLY AVAILABLE TO PEOPLE OVER 50

SAGA Services Ltd





The APT... jet-powered and capable of 160mph but, unfortunately, bits kept falling off and on its trial run it made the passengers violently sick

PHOTOGRAPH: FRANK MARTIN

A famous white elephant is trundled out of the sidings and hailed as another great British idea too far ahead of its time

Martin Wainwright on 'tilting train'

BRITAIN'S notorious "tilting train", chiefly remembered as the one on which VIPs threw up and abandoned as a huge waste of money, is to make its first passenger run after 15 years in discreet retirement.

The slender, bullet-shaped Advanced Passenger Train will open its hatch-like doors later this year in the railway siding at York where it has been left rusting in obscurity to save red faces at British Rail.

cleaning the revolutionary, four-car prototype before it goes on show. "We want to tell the full, fascinating story of the APT, and get away from the idea that it was just an expensive white elephant which just made VIPs and journalists throw up."

Although it became the butt of endless jokes after tilt mechanisms jammed and one leaning train might hit another travelling in the opposite direction, the APT is now recognised as a rare example of ground-breaking technology.

Italy are putting the tilt concept into practice in new high-speed networks. "It was actually a great success which did everything that was asked of it," said Colin Divall, professor of railway studies at York university, as he led the way through the cab's jet-style fuselage. "It was the creation of aircraft engineers recruited deliberately at a time when British Rail wanted to get away from the old, heavy-duty concept of the train."

how, for example, the cab's quick-release steps sprang open at bumpy joints in the track. "They lost 15 sets when they hit platforms," he said. "And they went for single-manning [a lone swivel-chair occupies the train cockpit] at a time when the unions insisted on doubling up."

trial-run party — who had been unwisely treated to a champagne breakfast — were sick. "It was very unfortunate, because this prototype was never intended to take passengers — it was designed to be cosseted and have engineers crawling all over it," said Prof Divall. "But they had to give it a public run because it was using a lot of public money."

## As Hogg explains research Government is warned there is no chance of agreement on reduced cull EU stalemate over ban on British beef

Stephen Bates in Brussels

BRITAIN and the other European Union member states appeared to be resigned to a stalemate over BSE in Brussels last night, with no chance of any part of the ban on British beef exports being lifted this side of the general election.

Agriculture ministers will decide today whether to accept the British scientific argument and agree to a change in the terms of the agreement. Brandishing a copy of last month's Oxford university statistical survey which estimates that BSE will be eradicated within five years at present rates of progress even without a slaughter policy.

'Failing to honour the cull and the undertakings given at Florence would tell British farmers that there is no short-term prospect of the ban being lifted at all and that is not in the interests of British agriculture'

Ivan Yates, Irish agriculture minister

the ban with an unspecified timescale as each sector of the beef industry was proved to be safe. John Major hailed it at the time as a triumph which would see the ban starting to be lifted this autumn.

being lifted at all, and that is not in the interests of British agriculture. British officials were privately equally pessimistic of the chances of an agreement, saying that the Government had concluded there was no prospect of an early lifting of the ban, whatever it did.

higher percentage of their cattle for export than the rest of the country — was not a promising one. The latest figures show beef consumption across Europe is now up to 25 per cent below last March when the BSE crisis first broke and prices for beef cattle in the United Kingdom are currently only 63 per cent of their level six months ago.

To concentrate agriculture ministers' minds on the difficulties the crisis was causing, outside the Brussels meeting streets were blocked off by riot police as German dairy farmers demonstrated to protest at the loss of EU subsidies to them if money is diverted to bail out hard-pressed beef farmers elsewhere.

## Designer stages catwalk revolt

Susanah Frankol Fashion Editor

YVES Saint Laurent has broken with years of tradition by announcing he will not stage a full-scale catwalk show of his *Rive Gauche* ready-to-wear collection in Paris next month. Instead, he will show to a very small selection of journalists and buyers at YSL headquarters — behind closed doors.



'It is time to get out. We don't need to be part of the present circus'

Pierre Bergé, chairman of the YSL Group and the designer's long-term friend and collaborator, said: "It is time to get out. We don't need to be part of the present circus."

ing designers. Ralph Lauren and Donna Karan, as "irresponsible" for refusing to enter the fray intimate to show offsite in more intimate surroundings. In Paris, fashion editors moaned as they had to travel from one side of the city to the other to see clothes that, formerly, would have all been shown in the city's central fashion headquarters.

## Second mental hospital 'suicide'

Geoffrey Gibbs

AN INVESTIGATION has started into the suspected suicide of a mental patient who absconded from the controversial Edith Morgan Centre psychiatric unit at Torbay hospital.

bag was found on the top storey of the building, has been named as Caroline Large. Healthcare executives have begun an internal inquiry into how she was able to abscond.

with the recommended construction of a new building to house the psychiatric unit. Sue Simmons, head of mental health nursing at South Devon Healthcare Trust, said many of the staff at EMC had known Ms Large for several years and had been deeply upset by her death.

their lives wherever you are. But if someone is sectioned you expect them to be looked after in hospital until such a time as they are allowed out again.

## School inspectors 'too soft'

Donald MacLeod Education Correspondent

HEAD teachers yesterday accused school inspectors of being soft on incompetent staff rather than face the hassle of confrontation.

15,000 incompetent teachers needed to be weeded out. Extremely bad or good marks can only be awarded after a second or third observation of the teacher.

one who needed disciplinary measures would be undermined if Ofsted inspectors gave a good or average mark. "Quite possibly one of the reasons we are seeing a lot of grade 5s is that inspectors are choosing to avoid the hassle, which is understandable."

THE Government yesterday dismissed as "incredible" claims that about 250,000 young people in the UK aged 16-25 suffered homelessness last year.

## Figure for homeless 'incredible'

James Meikle

THE figure, estimated by an independent inquiry commissioned by 10 charities, included extrapolations based on applications from people of all ages, many of whom made multiple applications for homes, said the Department of the Environment.

## I want to be a member of Amnesty International. Here's my membership fee:

Membership fee form with checkboxes for £21 Individual, £27 Family, £7.50 Student, £50 Under 22, £100 Senior Citizen, £500 I wish to donate, £500 £100 £100 £50 £25 £10 Other, and a section for card details and address.

CHINESE CRACKER. For this you need one prisoner of conscience and many prison guards. METHOD: Severely beat. Apply high voltage shocks to head, neck, shoulders, armpits, stomach and between legs. When electroshock baton runs out of power, start kicking prisoner.

Tang Yuanjuan, a worker, was arrested in June 1989, for organising peaceful demonstrations. He was sentenced to twenty years in prison. In May 1991, Tang was severely beaten because he refused to acknowledge that he was a 'criminal'.

Amnesty International membership form with checkboxes for £21 Individual, £27 Family, £7.50 Student, £50 Under 22, £100 Senior Citizen, £500 I wish to donate, £500 £100 £100 £50 £25 £10 Other, and a section for card details and address.

Abuse... The Guardian... at that sport... amming you... Soccer World Cup... Abuse... M... Sporting... still... ing... American press... up... think again... 700 767

# France to try bomb suspect

Ian Black in London and Alex Duval Smith in Paris

**A** SENIOR Libyan spy-master linked to the 1988 Lockerbie bombing is expected to be tried in absentia in France for the downing of a French airliner over the Sahara a year later, it emerged yesterday.

Relatives of those killed when Pan Am flight 103 exploded above the Scottish town said they hoped new details would emerge after news that a French judge, Jean-Louis Bruguière, is to call for Abdullah Senoussi and three other Libyans to be tried in absentia for the bomb attack which killed 170 people on a UTA DC-10 over Niger in 1989.

## Lockerbie relatives hope for clues when judge hears case of African plane blast

Lockerbie and UTA as entirely separate issues. But how is it possible that a man like Senoussi did not know about the Lockerbie case? "The French couldn't have picked a more high and important person than Gadafy's brother-in-law. They must be certain they can make a case against him."

men — and no prospect of anything else." Mr Bruguière issued international arrest warrants for the four Libyans five years ago but Tripoli has refused to hand them over. The three others are Abdallah Elzagh, a former first secretary at the Libyan legation in the Congo, and two secret service officers, Musbah Arbas and Ibrahim Naeil.

Thursday's meeting between Mr Bruguière and 180 relatives of the UTA passengers will include a tour of the reassembled wreck of the plane near Paris. Investigators have recovered around 80 per cent of the wreckage and have pinpointed it to within a yard where the bomb went off in the forward cargo loading bay. But any trial in absentia of the Libyan suspects will not happen for at least a year.



A Deep Purple fan is arrested for fighting during a stadium concert attended by 30,000 Ukrainian enthusiasts in Kiev

PHOTOGRAPH: EPHEM LUKATSKY

# Spanish Communists raise the republican banner

Other politicians are outraged by an unprecedented challenge at a party rally to King Juan Carlos's position as head of state. Adela Gooch in Madrid reports

**T**HE leader of Spain's Communist Party has called for the monarchy to be abolished, raising the republican banner and breaking an embargo on discussion of the constitution since the death of Franco and introduction of democracy nearly 20 years ago.

Ever since Spain's democratic constitution was introduced in 1978, with a monarch as head of state, an all-party pact has existed not to question King Juan Carlos's position, despite the fact that he was Franco's choice to succeed him and that the rightful heir, his father Don Juan de Borbón, was alive then. Spain has been a republic

twice, from 1873 to 1874 and again from 1931 until the end of the civil war in 1939. One of the turning points in the transition to democracy came when the then leader of the Spanish Communists, Santiago Carrillo, was persuaded to accept the monarchy.

But although most Spaniards would openly admit they are not monarchists, the royal family is popular. King Juan Carlos is credited with playing a pivotal role in ensuring Spain became a democracy.

ground to question the monarchy. The press shows compulsive interest in the love life of Prince Felipe, but by British standards, media coverage is discreet.

# Nuclear silos empty at last

Thierry Cayot in Apt

**F**RANCE ended a 25-year doomsday watch yesterday, shutting down 18 land-based nuclear missiles at a launch base under the Provence countryside and limiting its nuclear defence to weapons aboard submarines and bombers.

completely dismantled. Mr Chirac had already decided to dismantle short-range Hades nuclear missiles in a post-cold war restructuring. The S3D missiles had been in place since 1971, a symbol of the independence of France's nuclear strike force.

# Early results signal Muslim crisis

Julian Borger in Sarajevo

**P**RELIMINARY results from Saturday's elections suggest that Bosnia's Muslim leader, President Alija Izetbegovic, is facing a close race for the job of post-war head of state with a leading Serb separatist, Momcilo Krajisnik.

The SDA has already prepared the ground for a boycott of the results by a polling day announcement that it considered the vote on Serb territory invalid because of alleged widespread irregularities. SDA non-cooperation would trigger a post-election crisis, setting back the internationally sponsored timetable for creating power-sharing institutions on the back of the poll.

helping to monitor the elections, called the conduct of the vote into question yesterday, accusing Serb authorities of herding Bosnian Serb refugees in Yugoslavia over the border to vote in Bosnia, on pain of losing their refugee status.

ing 400,000 were registered in the "Republika Srpska" (the 49 per cent of Bosnia under Serb control), and so — under the electoral rules — could only vote for a Serb.

Democracy Debate 88. The second of the Guardian Charter 88 Democracy Debate deals with the Labour Party's surprise decision to hold a referendum on a Parliament referendum on constitutional issues. All discuss this idea with Scottish Liberal Democrat leader Jim Wallace MP, Conservative MP Phil Galle and Scottish National Party Cabinet member Fiona Hyslop. Ticket prices £5/3 concessions. Credit card bookings tel: 0171 278 0188. For more information tel: 0171 533 1988. The Guardian Charter 88 Democracy Debate 88. A referendum for a Scottish Parliament. Edinburgh City Chambers, Glasgow, Friday September 20, 7.30pm.

# Le Pen rebuked for exploiting papal visit

Alex Duval Smith in Paris

**T**HE National Front leader, Jean-Marie Le Pen, yesterday intensified his efforts to exploit the divisions between moderates and conservatives already laid bare by controversy over the Pope's planned visit to France later this week.

logian, Jean-Paul Williams, said that to celebrate Clovis's baptism was to "endorse monarchic religions and the divine right of kings, which was celebrated until Charles X — crowned in Reims Cathedral in 1825".

Mr Le Pen's party, which roundly denounces critics of the Pope as "unpatriotic", has staged several anniversary events in honour of Clovis this year. His party has a strong following among anti-abortion activists and fundamentalist Catholics — advocates of the Latin mass.

Mr Le Pen supports the spirit of many pronouncements by the Pope, whereas many French Catholics — who make up 80 per cent of the population — are critical of Vatican teachings on condoms and abortion. After a weekend dominated by racist rhetoric from the National Front, politicians of all parties condemned Mr Le Pen yesterday for calling on his supporters to prepare for revolution as "the worn-out structures of our system collapse".

# Lebed battles for peace deal

David Hearst in Moscow

**G**ENERAL Alexander Lebed, Russia's security chief, today launches a high-profile attempt to keep the fragile ceasefire he negotiated with Chechen rebels on track, amid signs of mounting domestic political opposition to the deal and increasing local military tension.

humiliated military have torn into the deal. The biggest obstacle is the composition of a commission to determine who will participate in a provisional government. A hostile meeting of Russian ministers on Saturday decided to claim half the seats for Russians, with the other half composed of Chechen groups, including the rebels and their bitter rival military tension.

Enemies China's Lynch mob police at ba

# Enemies close in on China's whizz-kid

### Chairman Mou mixes profit and revolution. Andrew Higgins reports from Beijing

**M**OU QIZHONG turned tins of pork into planes, offered to buy the Chinese navy a \$2 billion aircraft carrier and travelled the world hawkling the "greatest business opportunity in the history of mankind". He also proposed building the world's tallest skyscraper in Shanghai and naming it after Deng Xiaoping.

Visitors are presented with his Collected Works. These include essays with Mao-sounding titles such as *On Smooth Tilling and Explanations of The One Degree Theory*, trumpeted as the core of Mr Mou's dialectic-materialist outlook.

The People's Daily once listed "Chairman Mou" as one of China's 10 richest citizens. But, along with the rest of the official press, the organ of the Chinese Communist Party has now fallen silent about a man it used to praise.

Like many gurus, Mr Mou blames his problems on disloyal disciples. He says sacked employees have tried to take revenge by spreading false rumours about his finances and business practices. "Rumours," he says, "are the enemy."

Mr Mou's meteoric rise mirrors that of Shen Taifu, rector of Great Wall Machinery and Technological Company. Hailed as scientific and

hero and one of China's "10 best entrepreneurs" which he once secured loans from state banks is often explained as a reward for political services during the 1988 Tiananmen Square student movement.

While most of Beijing rallied to the protesting students, Mr Mou echoed the government's denunciations of the Tiananmen "turmoil". He seems eager to play the Tiananmen card again, hoping that the party's dislike of the democracy movement may sway its leaders to his side.

He spent four years on death row in his home province of Sichuan as co-author of a political tract, *Wither China?* written at the end of the Cultural Revolution.

### He has appealed for help against a 'conspiracy' by opponents of the free market

financial wizard, Mr Shen won plaudits and money from the state for a plan to develop a new energy-saving motor.

He was later arrested, accused of fraud and, in April 1984, executed by firing squad.

Mr Mou's fate is likely to hinge on politics as much as the law. He has written to the party chief, Jiang Zemin, and the prime minister, Li Peng, appealing for help against a "conspiracy" by enemies of the government's free-market policies.

He still proclaims a grand vision for anyone ready to listen. "The centre of the world is shifting to China. This is the biggest business opportunity in the history of mankind."

Staff, tired of waiting for him to deliver on a promise of "American pay and socialist benefits", are beginning to desert. Among those who have parted company with his Land Economic Group is an Englishwoman who worked as a personal assistant.

Mr Mou shot to fame in 1992 when he traded 600 railway wagons stuffed full of tinned meat, down jackets, socks and other consumer goods for four Russian Tupolev-154 jets. The momentum of the deal helped him launch a communications satellite and set him on a dizzy trajectory of media hype and official applause. He became a "reform



A statue of Queen Victoria at a Hong Kong park named after her is covered with red paint and is smashed after being vandalised yesterday. The culprit, who was sent to hospital for observation, said he took the action for art's sake.

### News in brief

## Grenade blasts mar Kashmir elections

SEPARATIST militants attacked polling stations, and protesters mounted a state-wide strike yesterday as India's troubled Jammu and Kashmir state held the second phase of local elections.

## Megawati left off poll roll

MEGAWATI SUKARNOPUTRI, ousted as leader of the Indonesian Democratic Party (PDI) in June by a government-backed faction, was left out in the cold yesterday when the country's three legally-recognized parties submitted their candidates for next year's general elections.

## Report exposes 'fetish slaves'

AUSTRALIA'S Anti-Slavery Society claimed yesterday that there were up to 35,000 religious slaves in West Africa, and that girls as young as eight were forced to perform sexual acts for holy men to appease traditional gods.

## Prostitute's diary subpoenaed

PROSECUTORS investigating the Whitewater property affair have subpoenaed the diaries of Sherry Rowlands, the prostitute who revealed her relationship with President Clinton's former political adviser, Dick Morris, the New York Post reported yesterday.

## Monaco royals to divorce

PRINCESS Stephanie of Monaco will go ahead with plans to divorce her husband, Daniel Ducruet, after 14 months of marriage, her Paris lawyer's office said yesterday.

## Mother Teresa suffers fall

MOTHER TERESA suffered a minor head injury in a fall yesterday, a Calcutta hospital said. A statement from Woodlands Nursing Home said she was in intensive care and doctors were awaiting the results of a brain scan.

## Camila's 125-mile trek

AFTER a trek home of 125 miles, Camila the cat (pictured) is back in the arms of her owner, Nuno Filipe, aged 12. The seven-year-old cat strayed while the Felipe family was on holiday in northern Portugal. They hunted in vain for her for a week before giving up and returning home to Coimbra, central Portugal.



## Germans plan SAS-style unit

THE head of Germany's land forces, Lieutenant-General Helmut Wilhelm, has unveiled plans for a 1,000-strong special combat unit along the lines of Britain's SAS. The KSK unit, geared to behind-the-lines operations and freeing hostages abroad, is part of a broad reform designed to give Germany a rapid response capability.

## Solar conference lacks stars

INCREASED use of solar energy was urged at the opening yesterday of the Solar Summit, sponsored by the Zimbabwean government and the United Nations Education and Scientific Organisation, in Harare.

## 'She could almost be Labour. She's a caring Conservative.'

Portrait of Lizzie Noel, Tony Blair's opponent

bed battles  
peace deal

## Lynch mobs hold police at bay

Violence in Mexico is increasing in spite of tougher laws, writes Phil Gunson

THE suspected thief, his face bruised and bloody, his hands tied behind his back, struggles to stay on his feet as enraged stallholders push him at a run through the narrow market alleys.

A crowd of 50 to 60 people gathers as the man, his head slumped, is tied to an iron post and his captors debate what to do with him. "We're going to pour petrol on him and burn him," says one, as municipal police in two squad cars watch nervously from a distance.

## Apartheid assassin tries to trade 'dirty tricks' secrets for amnesty

But he appeared relaxed as he told his long history of covert activities dating back to the Rhodesian bush war. He has made it known that he plans to disclose about 10 police generals and at least two former cabinet ministers - Adrian Vlok and Hennis Kriel - in the hit squad operations.

## US presses for support on Iraq

BRITISH officials insisted they stood four-square behind the US. "There don't need to be any words of caution," said one. "We agree with the Americans on both the military action and the political rationale of what's been happening."

## Marlboro rolls its own image maker

AMERICA'S newest glossy magazine for men and adventure in the great outdoors. Call it Marlboro Country Life.

## Mother Teresa suffers fall

MOTHER TERESA suffered a minor head injury in a fall yesterday, a Calcutta hospital said. A statement from Woodlands Nursing Home said she was in intensive care and doctors were awaiting the results of a brain scan.

## Germans plan SAS-style unit

THE head of Germany's land forces, Lieutenant-General Helmut Wilhelm, has unveiled plans for a 1,000-strong special combat unit along the lines of Britain's SAS.

## Solar conference lacks stars

INCREASED use of solar energy was urged at the opening yesterday of the Solar Summit, sponsored by the Zimbabwean government and the United Nations Education and Scientific Organisation, in Harare.

## 'She could almost be Labour. She's a caring Conservative.'

Portrait of Lizzie Noel, Tony Blair's opponent

## G2 page 7

Advertisement for Marlboro Country Life magazine, featuring a picture of a man and text describing the magazine's content and subscription information.

Debt-driven education
We must devise schemes to help the poor

EVEN supporters of a graduate tax to finance higher education will blench at the illustrative figures produced by the vice chancellors for their annual conference which meets today. Within four years students could face annual charges — to cover maintenance and a contribution to tuition fees — of £5,675 rising to £6,875 by the year 2005. A typical student will be leaving university after three years with debts of £20,000 or more. How is higher education going to attract more students from poor backgrounds under such a scheme? Which government would dare impose such a punitive tax on predominantly middle income people? Isn't it time we went back-to-basics and financed higher education through the tax system?

achieved by squeezing vast numbers of extra students into existing facilities. It was the vice chancellors — who at one point threatened to introduce their own fees — who finally forced ministers to set up the Dearing inquiry into higher education finance which conveniently will not report until after the election. It will be up to Sir Ron Dearing to advise on how big a contribution students should make to maintenance and tuition costs. The vice chancellors have produced a coherent brief. They are right to point to the reasons why further expansion is still needed: morally because all those who can benefit should be given the opportunity, socially to reduce the likelihood of an unemployed underclass emerging, and economically to compete in the modern world. They are right to argue "the problems of undersupply of graduates will be far worse than those of any over-supply". It is clear the two main political parties will not support the tax rises required to fund the necessary expansion of higher education. Britain would only be joining a growing list of countries which now ask for a contribution to fees. Indeed, the vice chancellors' figures only represent a one-third contribution to the cost of tuition. Yet what is missing from the vice chancellors' brief is special provision to increase the proportion of students from poor homes. True, the introduction of a graduate tax in Australia in 1989 allowed 30 per cent more students from disadvantaged backgrounds to attend Australian universities. But cultural differences do need to be measured. The British working class is different from the Australian. Some years back the vice chancellors devised a full cost fees scheme with income-related scholarships for students from poor families. The scholarship part should be resurrected. Five figure graduate debts are no way to widen access.

Looking to history for a solution

The answer to priestly celibacy is simple: turn the clock back

THE BISHOP of Argyll's resignation will fuel the debate which is already rampant — though rarely public — within the Catholic Church over the celibacy of the priesthood. Pope John Paul II has said there is nothing to be discussed on the matter; any bishops who dare to hint that they differ, can find themselves summoned to Rome to have their knuckles rapped. What is astonishing is the gulf between the Pontiff and the vast body of the Church; most Catholics consider it is only a matter of time before celibacy for the priesthood becomes optional. The overriding imperative for this monumental change is that the Catholic Church is approaching a crisis shortage of priests. In Europe, the number of vocations has been declining for decades, and already, a third of parishes are without a resident priest. That proportion is expected to rise sharply because the age structure of the priesthood is heavily weighted towards the over-sixties. Those running seminaries and training colleges say that celibacy is a deterrent to men who might otherwise be interested in the priesthood. Advocates of a married priesthood can draw on history to justify this volte-face. In the early Christian church, priests could choose to be celibate or to marry, and some of the great theologian bishops of Constantinople were mar-

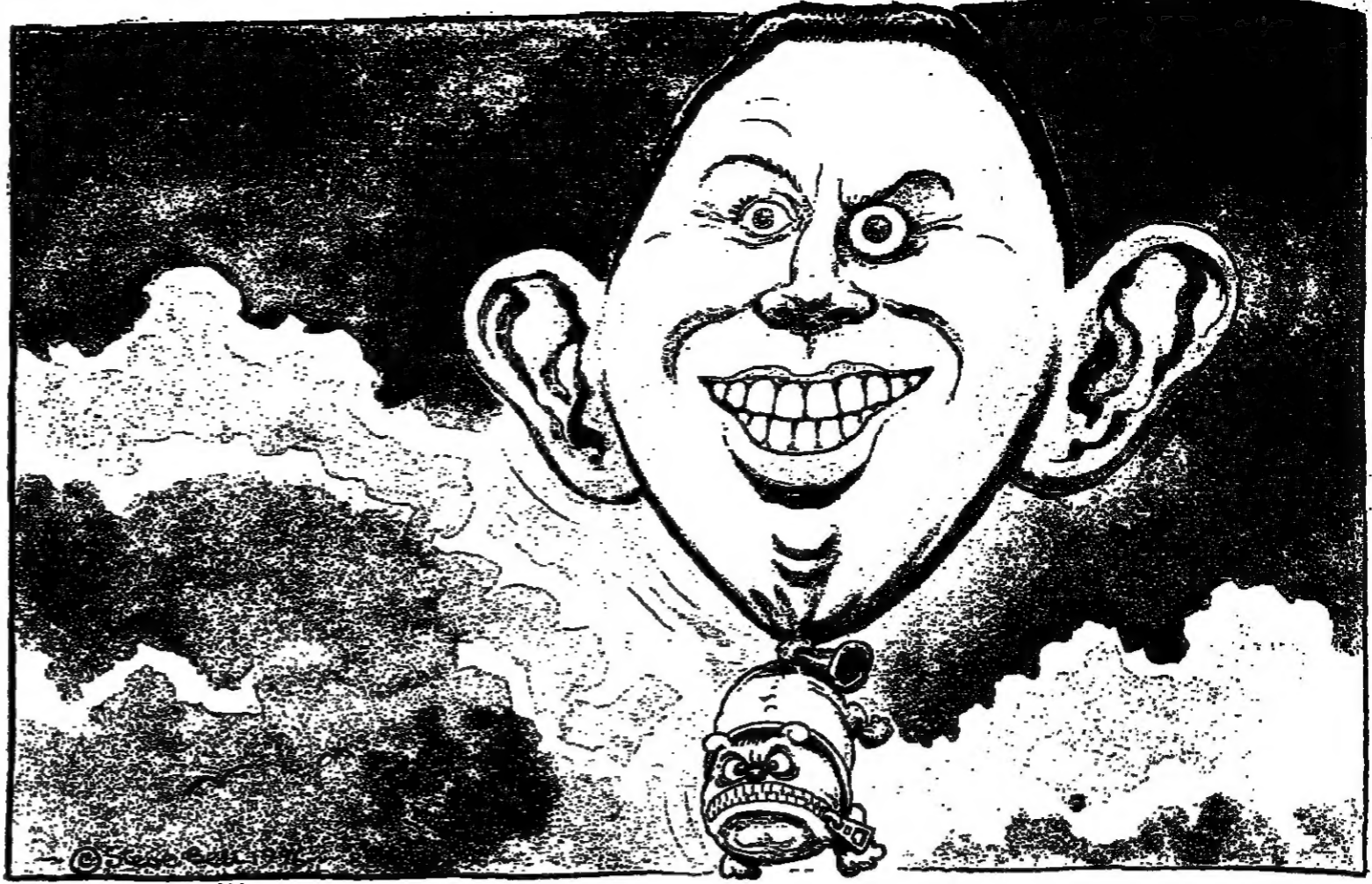
ried men with children. It was not until 1139 that Rome imposed celibacy as a requirement for the priesthood. By contrast, the Orthodox churches' priests have always been able to marry. It is not that the Catholic Church needs to move with the times — merely to revert to ancient traditions. There never has been and still isn't any theological underpinning to the celibacy requirement — Jesus Christ says nothing on the subject. Indeed it is possible to read the decision in the twelfth century as a pragmatic move to preserve church property from being dispersed through inheritance. For centuries, Catholic priests have struggled with celibacy — in many corners far from the hierarchy's sharp eyes, relationships with "housekeepers" have been widely tolerated. What a series of scandals in Ireland, and North America have done over the last decade, is to expose the seamy underside of this harsh rule — the frustrated sexuality erupting in child sex abuse, the hidden relationships with women and priests' denial of the illegitimate children they father, as well as the loneliness of priests who turn to alcoholism and smoking. About 1,000 priests have left the British priesthood to marry in recent decades; many are talented, deeply dedicated men whom the Church can ill afford to lose.

Po-faced revolution in Padonia

The best way to combat it is strong government in Rome

IS THE COMEDY over, or just beginning, in northern Italy aka Padania? The Po has long been known as Italy's longest river with the shortest name. Now it has been adopted by Umberto Bossi, in the original Greek version, as a symbol of northern unity and independence from Rome. In a world where secession is a serious post-cold war phenomenon, anyone who proclaims it in however implausible a context can win at least 15 minute's attention. Mr Bossi has been unable to say where Padania should end: strictly speaking it should include a chunk of Switzerland and stop at the Po instead of taking in the whole of Tuscany. Only 13 per cent of Mr Bossi's own party, the Northern League, actually supports his call for independence. Yet his journey downstream from the source of the river to Venice has attracted the sort of treatment last earned when Hannibal invaded the Po valley. It may prove too much of a good joke. The sight of green-shirted cadres applauding crazy rhetoric, and the display of absurd medievalist symbols, rings a disconcerting bell from past his-

tory. Never mind that there were more sightseers than partisans to welcome Mr Bossi, and that some confused the new Padanian flag — a red on white cross — with that of a famous Dutch football club (shouts of Ajax, Ajax). Or that there is no historical myth behind Padania to sustain it. Or that Mr Bossi's provisional government has been formed with no pretence of democracy and certainly no endorsement from the supposed populace of Padonia. There is a strong rational case against the separatist claim that the Italian north is being held to ransom by a Mafia-ridden south. Corruption has been revealed as knowing no geographical boundaries. Northern industry has thrived for years on cheap southern labour. Yet the most disturbing feature on Sunday was the inability of the Italian centre-left government to respond effectively. Only the neo-fascists found the forces for a counter-demonstration in Milan. Mr Bossi can only be answered effectively if Rome is seen to be promoting effective constitutional and regional reform. Otherwise "The birth of Padania" could still become tragi-comedy.



Letters to the Editor

A united front against Mr Blair

NOW that Tony Blair's party is breaking from the Labour movement and also dissociating itself from socialism as a term, the question arises of what label it should fight under (Labour summit to fight revolt threat, September 16). The "Labour Party" as a label on the ballot paper would still suggest an underlying link with the trade unions, likely to turn off the target C1/C2 voters who count. "New Labour" sounds better, but still carries unfortunate labour union undertones. "The New Party" sounds fresh and clean, but rather empty. "New Democrats" has much greater resonance, provided that Clinton wins and doesn't pursue his attack on welfare too vigorously before the British election arrives. Perhaps the best thing to do would be to pull together a concepts team to brainstorm on labels with the likeliest appeal to target voters, and then try the most promising out on some focus groups. Once the leadership has accepted their recommendations, the constituency parties can be told what they have to put on the ballot paper. (William Wallace, Liberal Democrat peer, 49 St James's Drive, London SW17 7RN.)

There is certainly a need to revitalise Labour's links not only with the unions but a whole range of community organisations, as called for by the new Clause 4. However, this should not be used as a cloak for an attempt to revive the SDP by the back door, and implement anti-union legislation. Trevor Fisher, Honorary Secretary, Labour Reform, PO Box 5219, Birmingham B13 8DY.

What really amazes me is that the unions still want to bankroll a party that has little to offer the ordinary worker, let alone those who are also trade unionists. LES Stennett, 72 Woodplumpton Road, Woodplumpton.

With every day that passes, the reasons to support Tony Blair become fewer. The last straw for many will be the revelation that the proposed curbs on public-sector unionism are intended to prevent action in support of a decent minimum wage. It is a hideous prospect that millions of people will expect Labour to do something about their living standards, and yet Mr Blair will use all the means at his disposal, not to prevent poverty, but to preserve it. Ed Horton, 34 Birchfield Close, Oxford OX4 5DL.

Maybe not

FRONT-page articles (Noel walks out definitely, and more too vigorously before the British election arrives, September 13) For heaven's sake, five per cent of the population may have tried to get tickets to see Oasis at Knebworth, but that still leaves 95 per cent who didn't. Surely the 5 per cent in thrall to the Gallagher clan get their information from the music papers, which are, after all, better informed and often friends with the band. The present media storm surrounding Oasis seems no more legitimate than Bill Grundy's goading of the Sex Pistols. Oasis, especially Liam Gallagher, are being encouraged to be outrageous, and then condemned in shocked tones when they oblige. Being incredibly rude about them, with constant references to being yobs, or implying that Fatsy Kensit is a grasping gnat, will only encourage worse behaviour. Oasis have been acting this way for years; if this is the last time, maybe the press



have done their bit to destroy youth culture in this country. Philippa Booth, Music Editor, The Oxford Student, Hertford College, Oxford OX1 3BW.

Let us pray

IT'S a shame Bel Littlejohn (My part in the virgin's bad hair day, September 13) can't check her facts. For a start, the "Bad hair day" campaign is not a solo by the Church of England — the Church Army, Baptist Union, Roman Catholic Church and Evangelical Alliance are all equal partners. And who needs £200,000? The campaign so far has cost just £500. I know — I'm one of the organisers. Everyone involved gives their time and expertise free because we believe in what we're doing. It's also cheap for parishes to use. What's more, we break even. Beat that, Bel and Friends. Sue Frimmer, Communications Officer, Diocese of Birmingham, 175 Harborne Park Road, Birmingham B17 0BH.

THE Catholic Church is implacably opposed to divorce, yet her bishops who are romantically inclined always seem to be attached to divorce. Strange... but true. Robert O'Sullivan, Glengarriff Road, Bantry, Co Cork.

On death and diplomacy

YOUR article on the tragic deaths of Paul Miles and Joanne Stickland in India in 1982 (Fighting a lost cause, September 11) contained a partisan attack on Foreign Office style. The truth is that we did more than you describe. But whatever we did, and do every day in such cases, it is in the nature of tragedies that it can never be enough for the bereaved. The families of victims of violent deaths abroad expect the Foreign Office to bring perpetrators to justice, to ensure prompt and effective court proceedings and to deliver swift and clear-cut conclusions. None of this is within our power. Understandably, frustration and anger build up and are directed at an accessible Foreign Office rather than remote foreign authorities. Of course it is our responsibility to take all practical measures possible to meet the requirements of friends and families of those who die overseas. We know the importance of details can assume in tragedies. Open and honest dealings with families are essential. But the needs of the bereaved go deeper still and cannot be met by a government department. We will continue to press

Overlooked

IN 1934, a previous surveyor to the Fabric of St Paul's, Godfrey Allen, foresaw that London's changing skyline could threaten the world-famous image of St Paul's Cathedral rising above the city. He devised a set of guidelines, the "St Paul's Heights", which limit the height of nearby development. More recently, protection has been given to long-distance views of the cathedral. Norman Foster's proposed Baltic Exchange building does not lie within the area protected by the St Paul's Heights, nor does it intrude any of the selective long-distance views. But it introduces to London a quantum leap in scale which raises questions about the value Londoners, and indeed the nation, place on the image projected by the skyline of the city. All who value the potent image of the dome of St Paul's rising above the rooftops of London should be aware of the full extent of the height from which the Baltic Exchange building will, if built, look down on Wren's masterpiece. It is 285.5 metres high; St Paul's is 111.5 metres. Martin Stancifflie, Surveyor to the Fabric of St Paul's Cathedral, 29 Marygate, York YO3 7BH.

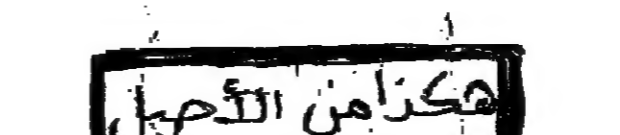
Unity talks

A "GRAND compromise" is not needed for monetary union (September 12); what counts is the Treaty. The European Parliament insists the Treaty be respected in order to protect the interests of the people. This year, the Monetary Institute, the Commission, the Parliament, economic and finance ministers and the EU Summit in Dublin will monitor how well member states are matching the convergence criteria. This exercise will prove that nobody wants to relax the criteria or to support lax fiscal policies. The more the EU co-operates to overcome unemployment, the more member states can fulfil the convergence criteria of lower public deficits. Christa Randzio-Plath, Chairwoman, Monetary Sub-Committee of the European Parliament, 97 rue Belliard, 1047 Brussels.

A Country Diary

NORTHERN CAPE, SOUTH AFRICA: The Kalahari Gemsbok National Park lies in the triangular corner of South Africa between Namibia and Botswana, covering an area of some 3,400 square miles, and there are another 7,000 square miles of protected land on the Botswana side of the border with no fences in between. Although not as well known or visited as such as many other African parks it has to be one of the greatest. Together the two sections provide one of the largest areas of protected wilderness in Africa. We could only spend two days in the park and, with rain having recently fallen in the northern sector, many of the large herds had moved into Botswana to take advantage of the new source of water and food. Nevertheless, we saw small springbok and grey dikker, along with the ever-present predators such as Cape fox and Silver-backed jackal, but we missed the famous Kalahari lions. In this

harsh semi-desert country-side with an unpredictable rainfall of only eight inches a year, only the hardiest of plants can survive and we saw very few flowers. The ground cover is mainly woody shrubs, the drier shrub being the most common with its fine leaves and forked branches. Many animals in the park depend on plants as a source of moisture and as we drove along the dried-up river beds we occasionally came across the tanna, a creeper that produces a melon-like fruit, and several prickly cactuses which as well as fruits have succulent roots — all important sources of water in periods of drought. But it was surprisingly rich with the secretary bird a common sight strutting across the clay pans but the most obvious were the large colonies of social weavers and their huge, many-chambered nests woven into the branches of the camelthorn acacia trees. J M THOMPSON





Diary

Matthew Norman

I AM distressed to hear that my old friend Kim Howells, Labour MP for Pontypridd, is being dismissed by some as a "political chameleon" and "light-weight opportunist".

WHAT troubled times these are for Labour's junior employment spokesmen. First Stephen Byers... and now Ian McCartney is in trouble.

MEANWHILE, from New York comes the news that Socialists International, which held a congress there last week, has elected as a new vice president a certain Mr Tony Blair.

THE management of the Express titles by Clive Hollick (who we used to know as a "socialist peer") continues to impress.

JOHN Redwood's career as Daily pop correspondent is threatened again. Refusing to come to the phone yesterday to discuss his beloved Oasis ("a cricket match" was his excuse)...

THOSE not deterred from a winter break to Australia by the Bondi Beach murder might bear in mind the tale of Swedish backpacker Magnus Carlstedt, as told in the Fortean Times.

IF HE'D HUNG ON A BIT, HE COULD HAVE HAD A WINDSOR.

Time to declare a sound-bite-free zone

Commentary Hugo Young

THE ultimate riposte to sound-bite politics, which are the politics of swift, selective truth...

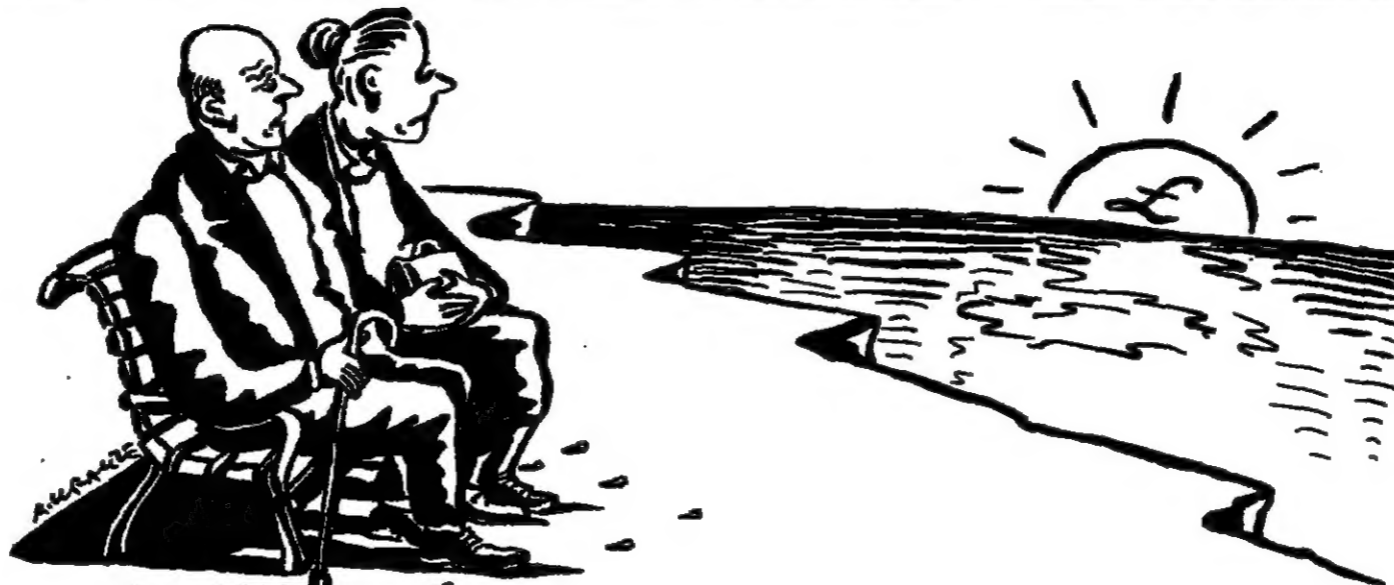
The Republicans suddenly demanded that Clinton should release his complete health records. The reason for this was as grotesque as it was disingenuous.

Mr Blair's vision of the six months' electioneering ahead probably doesn't go that far. Complaining about the tone the task requires of him...

country, with 50 different subdivisions of politics, and an electorate often remote from state, never mind federal, government...

devolution. Only sound-bite supremacy prevents it. In his nostalgia, Major has a point. Sound-bites, as a prime medium of communication...

It has many lousy newspapers ready to print lies. The parties can pay for their own propaganda, also usually mendacious. The need to make sure the right sound-bites are sent forth is no less great here than anywhere else.



Pension reform is now a key issue for Labour - yet Harriet Harman's plans just won't do. David Brindle gives her an (on the record) briefing on why she must do better

An acid test for Labour

YOU must be wishing you were still shadowing health. The social-security brief, as you have now discovered, is a bed of nettles. Pensions policy can be a political graveyard.

Partly, yes, it was August party, too, media expectation of Flynn (again) bashing Blair. But there's something more in the air. Up and down the country, Labour traditionalists are latching on to the pensions issue as an acid test of what their party still stands for.

visceral issue for the party. For the wider public, who may not be able to tell their second-tier pension from their Tesco, simple concepts like earnings indexation strike a deep chord.

Here's how we can all be better off

IT IS WRONG to suggest, as Harriet Harman, Shadow Secretary of State for Social Security, recently did, that our proposals to link the basic pension to changes in earnings and restore Serps are "highly costly".

democratic control over them. They have been increasing rapidly under the Tories. Harriet Harman seems to be following the Tory strategy of whitening away the basic pension and adding to means-tested schemes.

ment tried to introduce a "minimum income guarantee" but in the end had to settle for a revised form of means-test - Supplementary Benefit instead of National Assistance.

Our proposals do not deal just with existing pensioners' living standards, but show how millions of young people might obtain greater security for themselves when it is their turn to retire.

Secondly, our proposals are less expensive to the taxpayer because means-tested benefits involve huge administrative costs (each basic pension costs 45p but each means-tested benefit 23.45 a week to administer).

Each time the new authors seem not to understand that we have been there before. In the 1960s a Labour govern-

Today's new superstar is wearing a wig



Charles Leadbeater

THE THOUGHT that my son might want to become one fills me with dread. He will insist on wasting my afternoons by dragging me off to watch them perform.

Instead of reading the wholesome journals of my own youth, Goal and NME, he will take out an annual subscription to The Lawyer. By the time he grows up there will be a digital television channel devoted to the courtroom antics of lawyers.

Lawyers, you see, are about to become millionaire celebrities. Not all lawyers, of course, just a select few. Ten barristers earn between £1m and £1.5m a year, according to a survey published this week by the Chambers & Partners Directory of the legal profession.

Fat catery is spreading across the economy like a rash. Cedric Brown, for all his faults, was at least exposed to public outcry and removed.

THE CASE for concern is twofold. The first is that the emergence of a millionaire elite will clearly set a new benchmark for middle-ranking barristers, who might do legal aid work, and encourage them to charge more.

This mismatch between supply and demand means there will be more disappointed people around, who will have wasted their time attempting to become superstar barristers when they could have done something just as rewarding in another walk of life.

The sharp rise in lawyers' earnings is not temporary, nor is it entirely reducible to

To us French isn't second nature, it's first. Alliance Française logo and contact information.





Crandall threatens to 'deal with somebody else' as airlines reach impasse • EU fears abuse of market position

# 'Open skies' darken over BA merger



Keith Harper  
Transport Editor

**T**HE chairman of American Airlines, Robert Crandall, threatened to pull out of the proposed alliance with British Airways yesterday if talks between the US and Britain on a new "open skies" agreement between the two countries went on for much longer.

Mr Crandall, who arrived in Britain for a series of top-level meetings with BA and ministers, told the Guardian that the talks would have to be finalised before the end of the year. He warned the Government that if they fail, American Airlines "will do a deal with somebody else".

The problem for AA is that there is no obvious alternative candidate. Of the large carriers, AA appears to have rejected Air France because of its financial position while others, such as Lufthansa and KLM, have already signed up with other American airlines.

Mr Crandall made it clear that an open-skies agreement was essential before the BA alliance — which would give the airlines a dominant position on the lucrative North Atlantic routes — could go ahead.

## Kinnock issues air fares warning

Juifé Wolf in Brussels

**N**EIL Kinnock, the European Union's transport commissioner, is considering ordering an investigation into whether air fares on some European routes remain excessively high despite airline liberalisation.

analysis shows that fully flexible fares are significantly higher than can be justified by costs.

liberalisation, which is due to be completed next April, produces greater competition and benefits for consumers.

## Reed revives takeover saga with Blenheim bid

Lisa Buckingham

**T**HE on-off takeover saga of the exhibitions group Blenheim was revived yesterday when it emerged that the Anglo-Dutch media group Reed Elsevier has renewed its predatory interest.

Reed declined to comment on any discussions but the addition of Blenheim would turn the group into the world's biggest exhibitions organiser with around 500 events a year.

Reed, which is thought to have had Blenheim in its sights for three or four years, organises about 300 conferences a year in more than 20 countries and has recently expanded its portfolio through an aggressive acquisition programme.

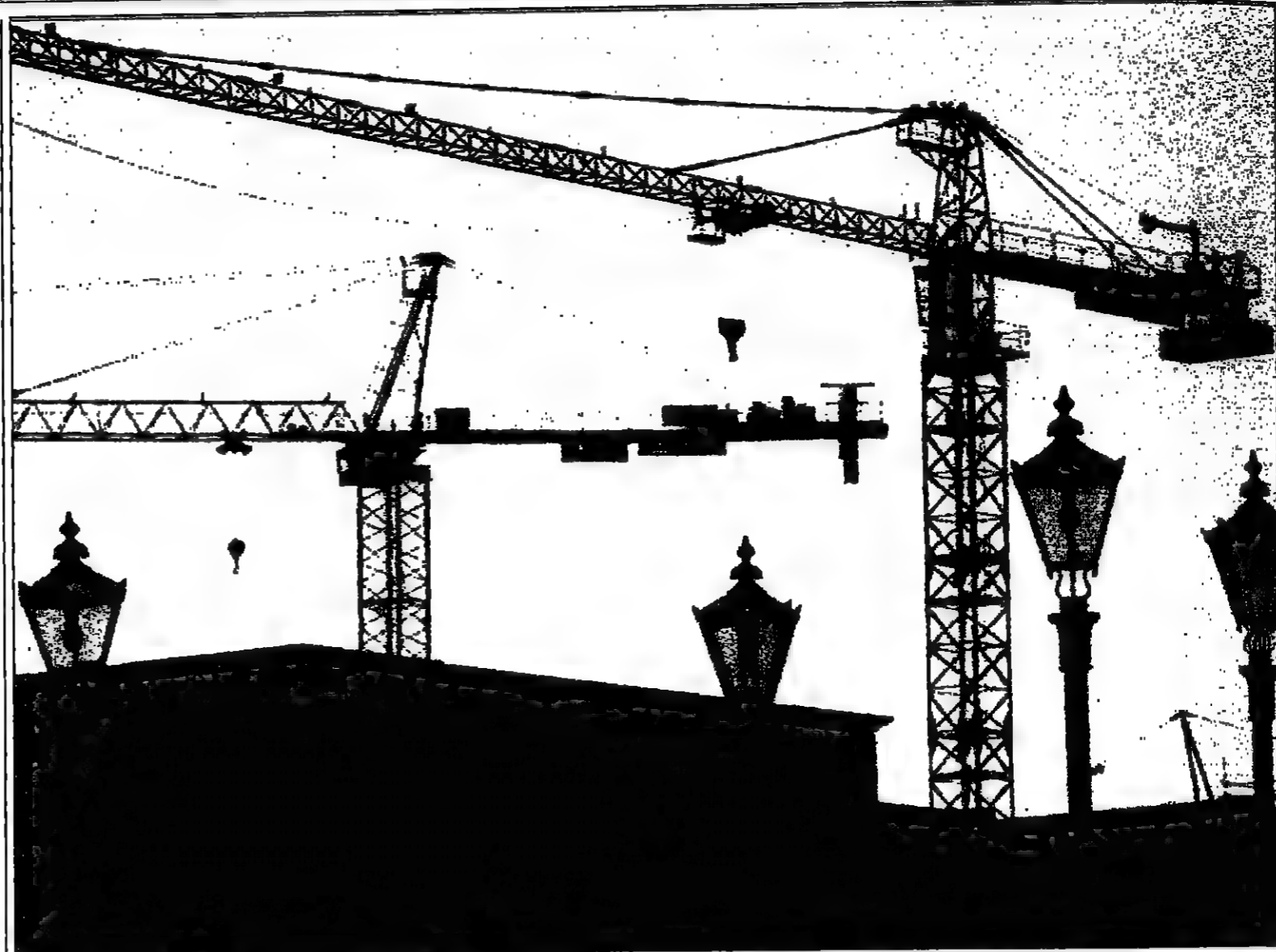
## Rothschild claims upturn after £6.1m loss

Dominic Walsh

**R**ESTRUCTURING costs pushed Rothschild Asset Management, the fund management arm of merchant bank NM Rothschild, to pre-tax losses of £6.1 million for the year to March 31 — the first set of figures since the suicide in July of its chairman, Amschel Rothschild.

ended from £471,000 the previous year, related to systems and information technology development costs, as well as severance payments. Trading losses accounted for the remainder.

All Rothschild's asset management business has been brought into a new holding company, Rothschild Asset Management, which is registered in Holland. The benefits of this new operation were already showing, with a return to the black since the year-



Back to the future... Cranes dominate the skyline of Birmingham city centre, where the process of urban renewal in England's second city is seeing the re-introduction of old-fashioned gas lamps

**Get more for your money, buy Cellphones**

**PHILIPS**

- NEW GSM MODEL FIZZ
- Up to 75 mins talk-time
- Up to 45 hrs standby-time
- 45 name/number memory
- Rapid recharge
- Complete package with standard battery and charger
- Dimensions 162x60x17mm
- Weight 210g

**VODAFONE PERSONALWORLD**

Connection: £35.25 (€30 + VAT)

Monthly Rental: £17.63 (€15 + VAT)

Peak Rate Call: 35.25p per min (30p + VAT)

Off Peak Call: 11.75p per min (10p + VAT)

PERSONALWORLD's peak rates are 8.00-22.00 Mon-Fri. A standard 15-minute call is charged at £1.77 inc VAT per min. Line rental includes activation and set-up charges. All other charges are shown in pence. Call charges in 1 second units.

**2 MONTHS FREE LINE RENTAL**

GUARANTEED PEACE OF MIND

Your phone is covered by our 14 days no quibble money back promise.

**LIFETIME PRODUCT WARRANTY**

Our Lifetime Product Warranty covers your phone against identified or undetected failures for as long as you own it. Callphones Direct subscription.

**Cellphones**

ORDER NOW WITH YOUR CREDIT CARD DETAILS FOR FREE DELIVERY IN 4 WORKING DAYS

**FREEPHONE 0500 000 888**

CREDIT CARD ORDERING HOTLINE WEEKDAYS 9AM TO 9PM WEEKENDS 9AM TO 6PM

PLEASE HAVE YOUR CREDIT CARD AND THIS ADVERTISEMENT HANDY WHEN YOU CALL AND QUOTE REF 4646. ISDONY WE ARE UNABLE TO ACCEPT SWITCH CARDS!

Other subject to status and a standard contract for each phone with Callphones Direct Ltd. 185 Lower Richmond Road, Richmond-upon-Thames, TW9 4LN

Full written details, and terms and conditions of this offer are available on request. © Copyright Registered No. 299522

## Textbook business turns knowledge into profits

OUTLOOK/Dorling Kindersley has so far avoided many pitfalls of high-growth UK firms, reports ROGER COWE

**T**HERE is a classic model followed by many high-growth British companies which Dorling Kindersley would do well to avoid.

First there is the rapid growth from an entrepreneurial start-up, usually in retailing or technology. The company becomes a stock market darling after the directors cash in on their early success and the cost of doing business is high.

All goes well until the expansionary enthusiasm takes the company to the US. There the market is tough, the company name is unknown, profit margins are slim and the cost of doing business is high.

By 1992, when the company floated on the stock market, sales had reached £70 million with pre-tax profits of £7.5 million.

But despite some hiccups, and temporary liaisons, first with Reader's Digest and then Microsoft, sales and profits have continued to rise — yesterday the company reported sales last year of £174 million, producing profits of £17 million.

A global philosophy has fuelled its expansion — the UK accounted for only 27 per cent of sales last year. Almost half the sales came from the US, up from £5 million in 1982 to £58 million — so the group

## News in brief

### Autumn glory on way for housing market

THE housing market is on course for its strongest autumn for eight years, chartered surveyors say today.

### Italian rail chief arrested

LORENZO Necci, chairman of Italy's state railway, was arrested at his home north of Rome yesterday after public prosecutors in La Spezia, near Genoa, pressed criminal charges.

### Newton fights Imro fine

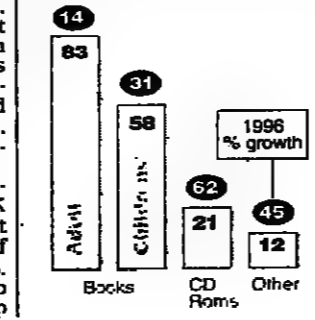
FUND manager Newton Investment Management is to challenge a six-figure fine from City watchdog Imro relating to irregularities in its pension fund business.

### Granada to sell more hotels

GRANADA, which is hoping to announce a buyer for its £2 billion package of Forte Exclusive hotels within the next three months, has quietly put a further 22 hotels up for sale for £50 million.

### Dorling Kindersley

|                    |                |
|--------------------|----------------|
| Stock market value | £382m          |
| Share price        | 545p + 13 1/2p |
| Workforce          | 1,500          |
| Interest cover     | n/a            |
| Dividend yield     | 5.2%           |
| Sales              | 174m 25        |
| Pre-tax profit     | 17.4m 37       |
| Earnings/share     | 15.2p 31       |
| Dividend/share     | 4.5p 15        |
| Sales analysis     | £m, 1996       |



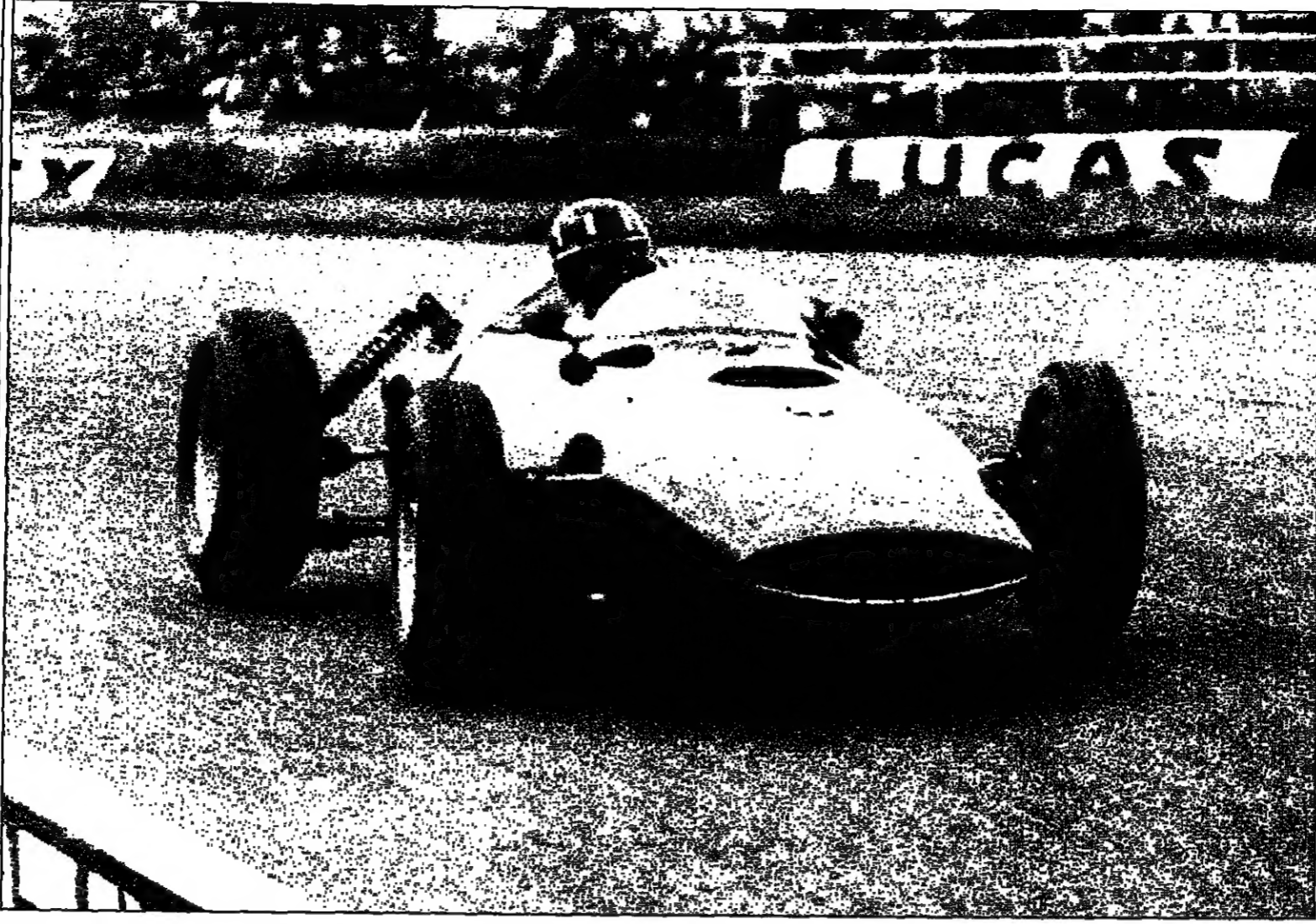
مركزنا للتعليم

Motor Racing

Can the Briton beat Villeneuve to the world title on Sunday or will this season be the eighth to go to the wire? Alan Henry reports

Hill faces the hard road to glory

DAMON HILL goes into Sunday's Portuguese Grand Prix at Estoril knowing that, with his 13-point lead over his Williams team-mate Jacques Villeneuve, he can make certain of the world title simply by finishing the race ahead of the French-Canadian. Even if Hill does not finish, Villeneuve will need a top-three place to take the title battle to the final race at Suzuka in Japan on October 13. If that happens, Hill will join the list of championship close calls (below) for the second time in his career.



1962 Graham Hill  
Graham Hill saved the BRM team in 1962. For at the start of the season their owner, Sir Alfred Owen, had vowed to withdraw from racing unless Hill won at least two grands prix. Hill obliged by winning the Dutch, German and Italian rounds, and went into the final race of the championship in South Africa having to prevent his arch-rival Jim Clark from winning.

1958 Mike Hawthorn

HAWTHORN'S Ferrari had only to finish second behind the king of the desert, Moss's Vanwall in the Moroccan Grand Prix at Casablanca to make him the first British world champion. In the closing stages of the race his team-mate Phil Hill let him through into second place and he clinched the title by a single point.

1964 John Surtees

THIS championship came down to a hair-raising three-way battle between Surtees, Graham Hill and Jim Clark going into the final race in Mexico City. Clark again dominated but the Lotus broke down on the final lap. The title fleetingly fell into Hill's hands, despite damage to the BRM's exhaust pipes caused when Surtees's Ferrari team-mate Lorenzo Bandini tried to outbrake Hill into a hairpin and spun the Briton off the circuit, but then Bandini dropped back behind Surtees on the final lap and the former motorcycle champion scrambled home by a point.

1968 Graham Hill

AFTER Jim Clark's death in a minor-league Formula Two race on the Hockenheim circuit, Graham Hill was left to restore the shattered Lotus team's morale. He went into the final race in precisely the same mathematical situation as in 1962 and again it was a Scot, Jackie Stewart, who stood to beat him to the title. The McLaren driver could win the final race in Mexico City. Still echoing the 1962 story, Stewart led until he was slowed by fuel-feed problems and gradually dropped back out of the points. Hill won the race and the championship.

1976 James Hunt

THE most famous finish of all. Niki Lauda looked set to clinch his second consecutive title with a succession of dominant victories in the first half of the season. James Hunt gradually got into his stride with the McLaren, then Lauda suffered horrific burns when his Ferrari crashed in the German Grand Prix. He was out for only three races but Hunt won all three to inch into contention going into the final race of the year in Japan. Lauda withdrew from that rain-soaked event and Hunt scrambled back to third place after a late puncture, taking the championship by a point.

1986 Alain Prost

NIGEL MANSELL should have won, Nelson Piquet almost did, but in the end Alain Prost retained his title as the two Williams-Bronco drivers dropped the ball in the final race. With 18 laps to go, Prost was leading a strong third, had the world championship in his sights but he suffered a spectacular puncture at 200mph on the Adelaide circuit's Stribling straight. Piquet moved ahead but was called in for a tyre check; that allowed Prost through to win and become the first driver to retain the title since Jack Brabham in 1969 and 1970.

1994 Michael Schumacher

IN THE wake of Ayrton Senna's death Damon Hill gradually hauled back up on to Michael Schumacher's tail, though he was helped by the fact that the Benetton driver was disqualified from two races and suspended from two more. It all came down to the final race in Adelaide, where Hill had to beat Schumacher to secure the title. The contest was finally resolved in the German's favour after the two men were involved in a controversial collision, allowing Nigel Mansell through to win the race eight years after his own initial title hopes were so spectacularly thwarted.

Racing

Jockey Club set to change the whip rule

Chris Hawkins  
THE Jockey Club will look again at the regulations which resulted in Frankie Dettori and Pat Eddery receiving whip-bans after Saturday's epic St Leger finish. Realising that the race generated all the wrong kind of publicity, Malcolm Wallace, director of regulations, has conceded that the rule may need a "review". The particular rule will be examined and a report submitted to the disciplinary committee's November meeting. David Pipe, the Jockey Club's director of public affairs said: "The rule was brought in for three purposes: to stop the abuse of horses; to satisfy the public that something was being done about possible abuse; to encourage jockeys to use the whips less. "We feel that the first and third objectives have been achieved but because the whole matter has received so much publicity this has become an issue in itself. It looks as if some adjustment will have to be made." This is excellent news provided the adjustment does not mean more severe penalties such as the disqualification of horses. As a result of his game St Leger victory, Stanton has not surprisingly had the dreaded "timeform" squiggle deleted from his rating. The squiggle is supposed to represent, at least in the eyes of unreliable or ungentle, Stanton picked-up the tag with a second and looking none too keen to ease Royal Court at Haydock in July. "We didn't think he wanted to go past the winner that day," explained Timeform's handicapper Chris Williams. "But he wasn't ridden by Frankie Dettori then for whom he's done nothing great and you certainly can't grab him any more." Following his Leger victory he has been raised to a rating of 124 which is 1lb above Dushyantor but 5lb below Shaamit who retains his high rating despite running poorly in Ireland. He has been given the benefit of the doubt after that effort in an unsatisfactory, slow run race although he still did not appear to quicken much when seeing belated daylight. Shaamit looks more likely to contest the Arc than the Champion Stakes and Hill's have cut him from 20-1 to 12-1 for Longchamps. Incidentally, Timeform rate the Arc favourite Heliostat at 128p (the p denoting likely improvement) while their top three-year-old in Europe is the Irish Derby winner Zagreb at 130p. Zagreb has not run since murdering the opposition, which included Dushyantor, at The Curragh in July and Dermot Weld would like some give in the ground for the Arc. Heliostat's defeat on Saturday night killed three horses. Four fire engines fought a blaze in a barn housing 40 horses at Old's Upper Herdwick Farm near Barbary Castle in Wiltshire.

Yarmouth card with guide to the form

Table with horse racing results and form guides for Yarmouth. Includes sections for 2.35, 3.10, 3.45, 4.15, 4.45, 5.00, 5.30, 6.00, 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30, 9.00, 9.30, 10.00, 10.30, 11.00, 11.30, 12.00. Lists race numbers, horse names, jockeys, and odds.

Sandown runners and riders

Table with horse racing results and form guides for Sandown. Includes sections for 2.15, 2.45, 3.15, 3.45, 4.15, 4.45, 5.00, 5.30, 6.00, 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30, 9.00, 9.30, 10.00, 10.30, 11.00, 11.30, 12.00. Lists race numbers, horse names, jockeys, and odds.

Godolphin team can double up with Bint Shadayid and Fatefully

SAEED bin Suroor was pushed off the top of the trainers' table last week but, seemingly seized with the spirit of competition, runs Bint Shadayid, third in the 1,000 Guineas, at Yarmouth today in an effort to close with Henry Cecil, writes Chris Hawkins. Bint Shadayid (3.10) has not fulfilled the promise of her Guineas run, but finished second in a Group Three race at Donville last month, only to be demoted to third, after causing interference. She should find today's race a little easier, but Cecil runs two in the shape of Sarfonic and Yamuna, the latter having looked a little unlucky when third to Wandering Star at Sandown last time. The Godolphin stable is also represented at Sandown this afternoon with Fatefully (6.30) in the Sturbiton Fillies Handicap. She was off the course for seven weeks before falling by a head to catch Blessed Spirit at Doncaster, and a 3lb pull in the weights should be enough for her to gain her revenge. Back at Yarmouth, Ron Hodges sends his grand servant, How's Yer Father (4.45), to contest the Caister Selling Stakes, and such a race should still be within the capabilities of this tough ten-year-old.

Results

Table with horse racing results for various tracks including Yarmouth, Sandown, and Fontwell. Lists race numbers, horse names, jockeys, and odds.

Advertisement for 'ton fights into fine' with contact information for Yarmouth and Sandown.

Advertisement for 'Watch your bets' with contact information for Yarmouth and Sandown.

Advertisement for '4.30 Sandown Futures' with contact information for Yarmouth and Sandown.

Advertisement for 'RACELINE' with contact information for Yarmouth and Sandown.



Cricket

County Championship: Glamorgan v Surrey

Surrey assault runs out of steam

David Foot sees the unsentimental Welsh apply the brakes to Stewart's title aspirations

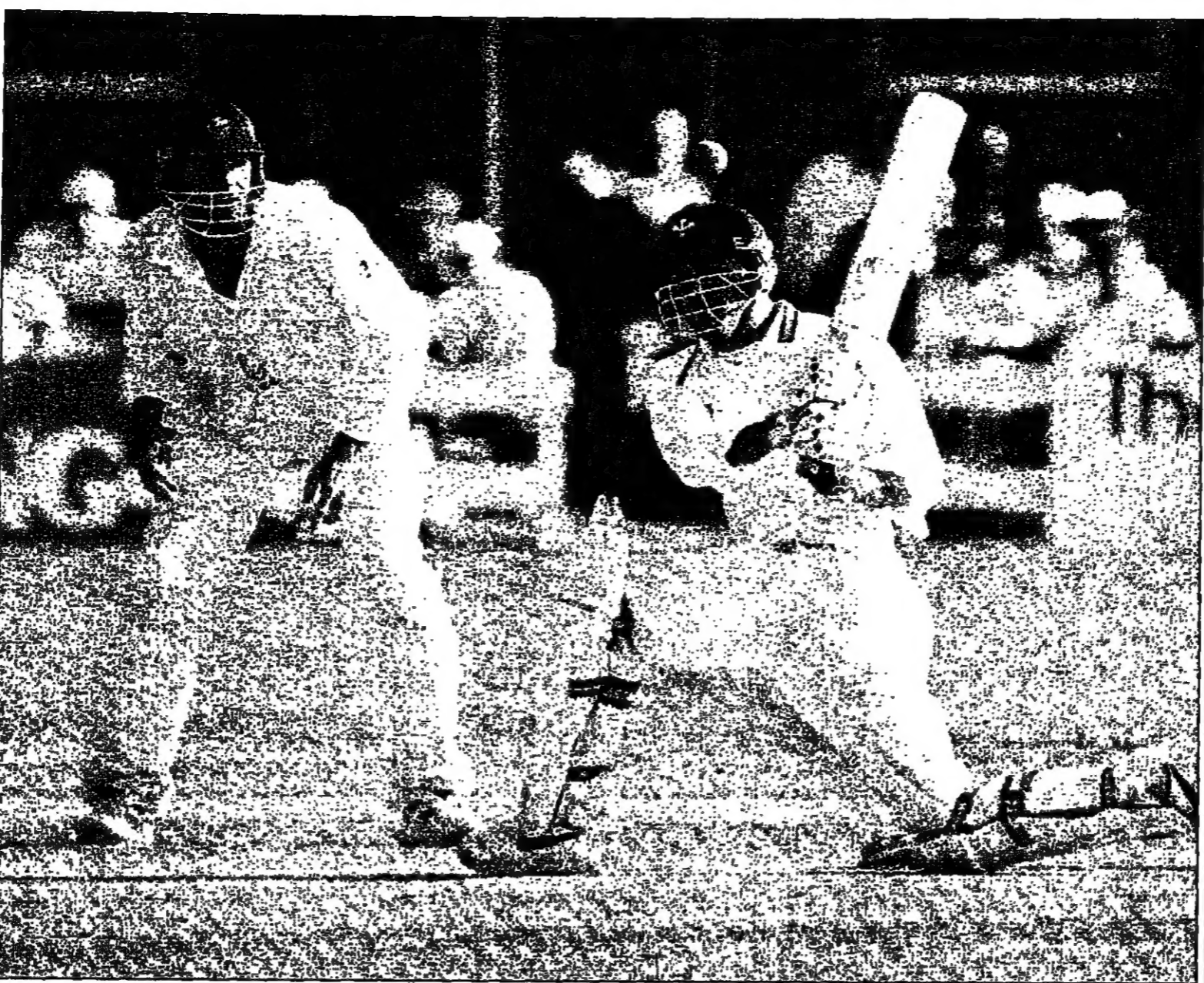
SURREY used 10 bowlers, including their captain and wicketkeeper Steve Stewart, as if to confirm the words after their win on Sunday that their undeniable presence had been based on the team ethos. Yet such collective endeavour proved in vain yesterday in a match that was uncompromising as well as enthralling.

They finished with three wickets left and Glamorgan crowding the bat as they had done for the last 90 minutes. The challenge of scoring 336 in a minimum of 97 overs had always looked too daunting but at this stage of the season generosity understandably drifted away down the adjacent River Taff.

Surrey had to settle for the compromise of points for the draw rather than those for a win that they had at times scouted in this match on a bland wicket. Now they are 14 points behind Gloucestershire, who need 11 points — full bonus points and a draw against Middlesex from their final match will suffice — to make sure of the title.

Glamorgan, doubtless to the approval of Surrey's principal opponents at the top, never remotely made it easy for the visitors. They were imbued with no romantic notions of an early declaration and batted on to 443 for nine. At times Surrey faces seemed pleadingly in the direction of the Glamorgan balcony but without sentimental response.

James, an efficient, correct batsman, scored 16 boundaries as he moved to his seventh hundred of the season, his best championship summer for the county. Coty was bowled under his legs for 82 by Shahid, who had sent down only 13 overs of his leg-breaks previously this season. Now he took three wickets in a row and emitted countless cries of anguish; however meritorious his persistence, it only emphasised



Getting down to the job... Holloake swats the ball away from in front of James for a Surrey boundary as he dashes to 85

the need for more slow-bowling strength. For instance, Butcher was overtly surprised at one point to find himself on a hat-trick. Maybe as a psychological

weapon rather than impatience at Glamorgan's refusal to curtail the innings, Stewart swapped places with Shahid. "And why not put your father

on" came a mordant voice from the crowd. Surrey were without Benjamin, who was unwell, but the bowlers did not have much chance. Glamorgan kept going: first Croft, increasingly a good-looking batsman, and then Shaw, with a well composed career-best. It was hard to see after that how Surrey would

react. They did so by revising their batting order and 64 runs from the first six overs, even though Julian, out second ball, and Butcher were dismissed. Lewis and Holloake savaged away with daring shots. Lewis should have been stumped, and was soon afterwards; Holloake was

dropped at long leg but went leg-before for 85 off 70 balls. The block was enforced, after tea. Glamorgan, however, continued to peg away with native favour. Croft, varying his deliveries with craft and accuracy, looked a spinner of genuine Test status, taking three wickets, and the teenager Cosker two.

Essex v Sussex

Essex hopes fall to Salisbury spin

Paul Weaver at Chelmsford

THERE was scarcely a straw left unclutched here last night as Essex members contemplated the grim consequences of their defeat by Sussex by 137 runs. The man with the three sexes sun-hat, with a Paul Prichard benefit brochure under his arm, wrestled with his calculator. "Look, if we take a maximum 20 points from our last game against Glamorgan, and it rains everywhere else, we are champions." This is true.

Another supporter warmed to this piece of intelligence. "Yes, and don't forget we tend to win the championship when we are within a year of a General Election. Also true: Essex were champions in 1978, 1983, 1986 (a year out) and 1992, although Maggie forgot to go to the country in 1984 and 1991 when they also took the title.

This is all rather fanciful stuff. The more pragmatic view of Essex may be seen driving out of the ground in mid-afternoon. Realistically, their hopes of a seventh championship ended with this defeat. Set 421 to win from a minimum of 71 overs, they were bowled out for 283, with the leg-spinner Ian Salisbury returning a career-best eight for 75.

At the start of the season the words repeated at Essex were "rebuilding", "transition", and "transitional". They sound better than telling members: "Look, we're a rubbish side and won't win a title for a few years."

days. They lost the NatWest Trophy final against Lancashire in humbling circumstances and yesterday saw their championship ambitions thwarted by one of the most inconsistent sides.

There was some niggles in this match. The Essex players feel they received some dodgy decisions from the umpires, Alan Whitehead and John Harris. In the course of a season these things normally even themselves out but Essex feel particularly peeved after thinking they had dismissed Vaseb Drakes for 10 on Saturday, when the West Indian appeared to be caught in the gully, when Sussex declared at 417 for eight he had a career-best 146 beside his name. Such also looked disingenuous yesterday when he had an appeal against Nicky Phillips rebuffed.

Sussex had resumed on 335 for eight and Essex needed to take the outstanding wickets in quick time. But the visitors called a halt.

Essex made a good start. The 50 came up in the eighth over and they limped on 60 for one. But Gooch was out at 111, top-edges an attempted sweep, and a rather testy-looking Nasser Hussain was caught behind thrashing, even though they were more than up with the clock at that stage.

Law, who started his innings with a straight six, was bowled playing back to a leg-break which hit his off stump, and the game was up when Ronnie Irani was caught in the slips for a third-ball duck. Prichard was the third player out with the score on 167, bowled by Phillips.

Kent rout keeps them in the hunt

KENT, at least, of the championship chasers did their best to close the gap on the leaders with an extraordinary victory by 148 runs over Hampshire at Canterbury that included two hat-tricks, writes David Harbord.

Hampshire collapsed in a heap. They lost eight wickets for seven runs, from a comfortable 143 for one to 150 all out. The demolition took only 44 balls, with

Martin McCague claiming his first hat-trick for Kent in remarkable figures of five wickets for three runs in 17 deliveries. Hampshire's abject performance was brought to an end when Matthew Fleming finished them off with three for nought in six balls.

Dean Headley had scored a Kent hat-trick on Saturday, his third of the season. Steve Marsh, the Kent captain, said afterwards: "We were probably out-siders to win the game at lunch and we needed someone to produce a super-human effort, and it was Martin."

Table with 2 columns: Team, Score, Overs. Includes Glamorgan v Surrey match details.

Table with 2 columns: Team, Score, Overs. Includes Essex v Sussex match details.

Table with 2 columns: Team, Score, Overs. Includes Middlesex v Somerset match details.

Table with 2 columns: Team, Score, Overs. Includes County Table match details.

Table with 2 columns: Team, Score, Overs. Includes Kent v Hampshire match details.

Table with 2 columns: Team, Score, Overs. Includes Gloucestershire v Lancashire match details.

Table with 2 columns: Team, Score, Overs. Includes Lancashire v Gloucestershire match details.

Table with 2 columns: Team, Score, Overs. Includes Somerset v Warwickshire match details.

Somerset line up Reeve

The former Warwickshire captain Dermot Reeve is on the shortlist to become Somerset's director of coaching. Reeve, who retired as a player in July because of a hip problem, has confirmed an approach from Somerset's chief executive Peter Anderson.

see whether I would be interested and I told him I would be," Reeve said. He has considered other options, including the media.

Rugby Union

Botica gets rerouted to Llanelli

John Huxley

FRANCO BOTICA, the former All Black, has played his last game of rugby league as well as his last match for the Courage League One side Orrell.

and that would be the ideal stage on which to introduce such a player. Frano will be coming to us on a full-time basis because he feels that he wants to play just the one game."

Williams retorted: "One thing is for certain, there's no way Frano will be playing against Swansea this weekend without our agreement." Orrell believed that they had a two-year contract to play Botica but Castleford said that the agreement was with the player and that he was still theirs to recall.

Castleford are to receive £75,000 in compensation for Botica, who still had a year to serve on the contract he signed when he joined them from Wigan. The West Yorkshire club, whose finances have been under the contractual strain, are happy to sell.

Botica moved into rugby league from New Zealand rugby union in June 1990 and became a consistent demolisher of records during his time with Wigan. Last Saturday he had to retire with an injured hip during Orrell's 29-12 home defeat at the hands of Leicester Tigers.

Evans set for Cardiff return

David Plummer

STRUGGLING Cardiff have sent an SOS to their former coaching director Alex Jones to come back from Australia. Cardiff one place off the bottom of Wales's First Division, hope he will join them in time for next month's European club campaign when they face Wasps and Toulouse.

a formal offer to Evans. They approached him two months ago but balked at the 57-year-old Australian's demand for a sum well into six figures; now, however, Cardiff's poor start to the season has increased his value to the club.

"We have had discussions with Alex and we are hopeful of reaching an agreement with him," said Cardiff's chief executive Gareth Davies. "Cardiff is such a big club and there are so many developments going on in the game that we need someone to pull the strands together. Alex is the obvious candidate to do that."

Adams faces disciplinary action as referee admits his mistake

THE Bristol lock Phil Adams may become the first domestic player in the new professional era to be fined or banned for breach of contract.

The 33-year-old Adams faces club officials today after allegedly stamping on the Northampton lock John Phillips in Saturday's Courage league defeat.

Ice Hockey

Relief for Devils' rivals as Anderson is kept on ice

Vic Batchelder

THE Cardiff Devils' 5-2 away victory over the Manchester Storm on Sunday saw them complete the Benson and Hedges Cup qualifying round with a 100 per cent record from their six games.

rivals will be relieved at yesterday's news that the Devils will not be signing the National Hockey League player Glenn Anderson — yet. Anderson took part in Cardiff's pre-season training camp and a warm-up game against Stuttgart and returned to Wales after watching his friend and fellow Canadian Jacques Villeneuve drive in the Italian Grand Prix.

deal... port in... its Fore...

Hill faces the race of truth, page 13

Surrey and Essex fall behind, page 15

Houston signs on at Loftus Road, page 14

Clubs wrangle over Botica, page 15

# SportsGuardian

## Relief at Grace Road as rivals falter

THE bookmakers made Leicestershire 7-1 on favourites to clinch the County Championship next week — for only the second time in their 117-year history — after most of their title rivals stumbled yesterday, writes Chris Curtain.

With a lead of 14 points over Surrey and 18 over Kent a solid draw in their final match at Grace Road starting on Thursday, against Middlesex, should enable the Yorkshire-born James Whitaker to emulate no less a figure than Ray Illingworth. The former England captain and chairman led Leicestershire to their sole title in 1975.

Kent pulled off a remarkable maximum 24-points victory over Hampshire, who were reduced from 143 for one to 150 all out thanks to Martin McCague. The fast bowler took five wickets for three in 17 deliveries, including his first hat-trick for the county.

Kent's captain Steve Marsh said: "We were probably outsiders to win the game at lunch and we needed someone to produce a superhuman effort and it was Martin."

Kent travel to Bristol to face Gloucestershire in the final county round. Surrey and Essex both lost ground and like Kent will be praying for prolonged rain in the Midlands this week.

Surrey were held to a draw at Cardiff when, set the unlikely target of 386 to win off what turned out to be 51 overs, Glamorgan had them 205 for seven. Surrey finish at home to Worcestershire.

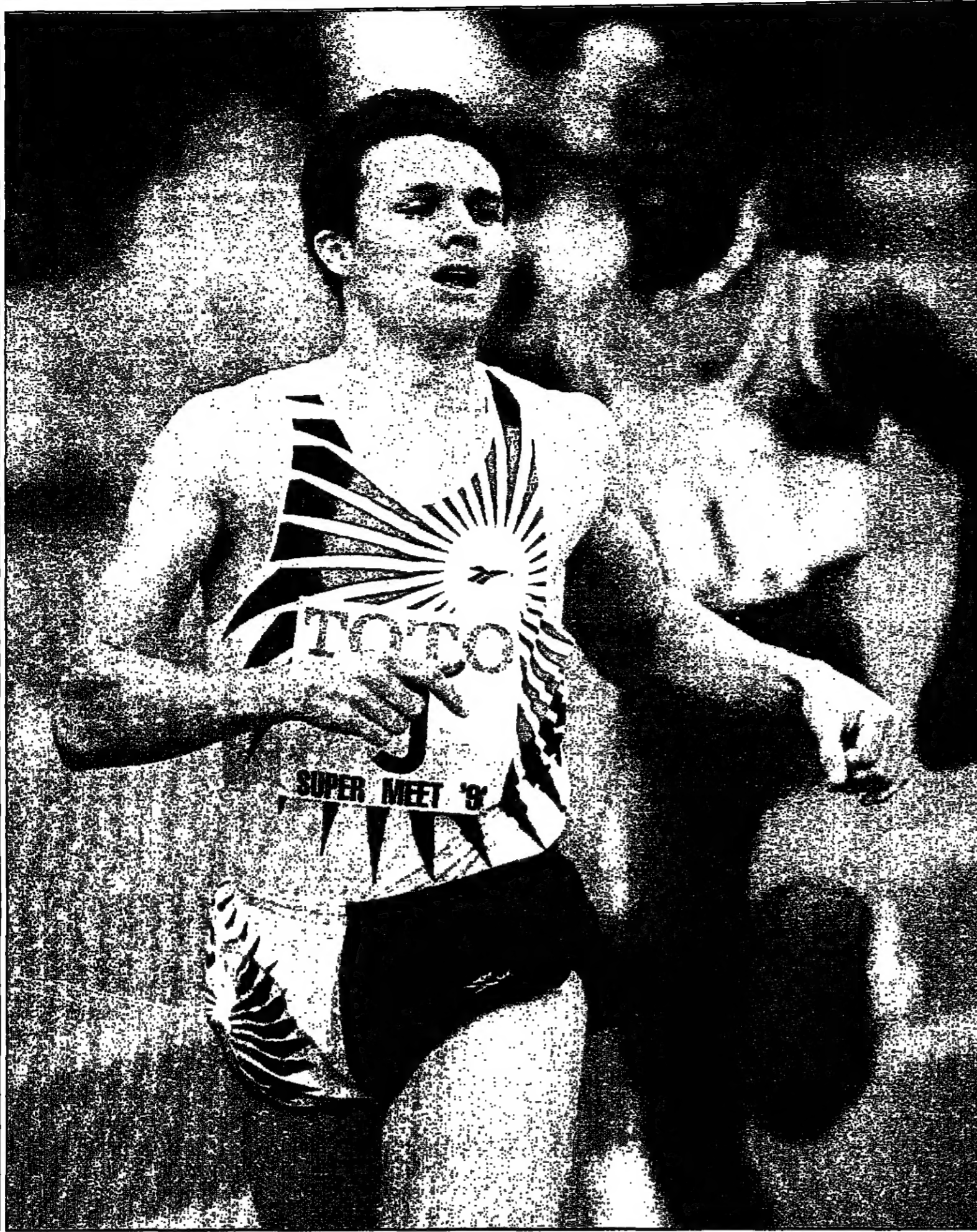
Essex lost to Sussex and, with 349 points, have little more than a mathematical chance even if they now do a number on Glamorgan at Chelmsford.

There was cruel irony there yesterday when the local hero and Test selector Graham Gooch saw his beloved Essex laid low by Ian Salisbury, the leg-spinner omitted from the England touring parties after his poor Test showing.

Salisbury took career-best figures of eight for 75 as Sussex claimed a 137-run victory over Essex, set the daunting victory target of 421.

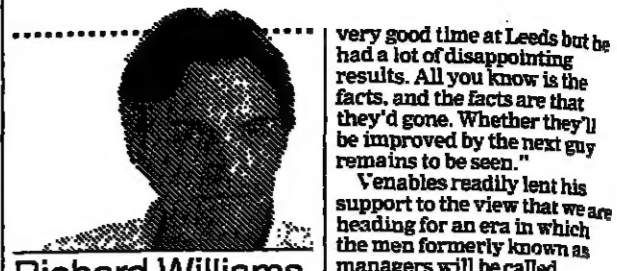
Full reports, page 15

## BLACK BACK TO BASICS IN JAPAN



Roger Black breaks the tape in the 400 metres at the TOTO International event in Tokyo yesterday with a time of 45.33sec ahead of Lamont Smith of the United States. Another British Olympic silver medalist, Jonathan Edwards, suffered his first defeat since the Games when he finished behind the American Kenny Harrison in the triple jump; Edwards could manage only 17.38 metres as Harrison recorded 17.51m to repeat his victory in Atlanta. Britain's Steve Backley threw 84.44m to finish third in the javelin, which was won by Jan Zelezny of the Czech Republic. PHOTOGRAPH: KOJI SASAHARA

## New age has no time for dynasties



Richard Williams

ANOTHER day, another turn on the managerial merry-go-round. Speaking from Japan yesterday Arsène Wenger finally named the date on which he will assume the manager's chair at Arsenal. In turn, Stewart Houston left Highbury to become the 19th manager of Queens Park Rangers since the war and Danny Bergara joined Rotherham.

Up in Scotland, Steve Archibald was sacked after two years at East Fife. Nothing too unusual there; just cause and effect, action and reaction. Then things got complicated. Iain Murray, until recently the manager of Hamilton Academicals, took over at Raith Rovers less than a week after accepting the managership at St Mirren, which he relinquished in the aftermath of what is officially described as a "rethink".

He will be Raith's fourth manager this year; their third. Indeed, in a fortnight, since his immediate predecessor Tommy McLean high-tailed it to Dundee United after only one week in charge and a "rethink" of his own. It was described as a "shock departure".

Come off it. There are no "shock departures" in football management. As Howard Wilkinson has pointed out, there are only two types of manager: those who have been sacked already and those who will be sacked in the future. The imponderable factor is whether the time between appointment and departure can be filled with something to boast about before the inevitable happens.

"You don't get too surprised any more," Terry Venables responded last week when I asked him for his reaction, as a fellow professional, to the departures of Wilkinson from Leeds United and Ray Wilkins from Queens Park Rangers. "It depends on what you feel about the individuals. I was very surprised and upset for Ray because I think he'd handled it all exceptionally well, going down and sticking in there and keeping playing. He did seem to have this resolute attitude to keeping playing. I don't quite understand that, Wilkinson? He had a

very good time at Leeds but he had a lot of disappointing results. All you know is the facts, and the facts are that they'd gone. Whether they'll be improved by the next guy remains to be seen."

Venables readily lent his support to the view that we are heading for an era in which the men formerly known as managers will be called coaches, with very specific responsibilities for the playing side of the club, leaving the business side of things to a general manager.

This is, after all, the title he was given when he took charge of England, and although the decision may have reflected the Football Association's view of his personal standing rather than its general policy, the title has been retained by Glenn Hoddle, his successor, and has received approval as part of English football's efforts to absorb lessons from the rest of Europe.

One questionable side-effect is a restriction on the coach's opportunity to make himself integral to the club. For the old type of manager, sustained success would lead to the founding of a dynasty. On the face of it the new system would not encourage a Matt Busby, a Brian Clough or a Bill Shankly.

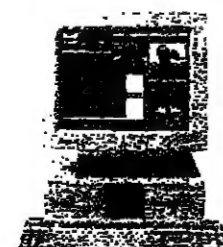
At AC Milan, for instance, Fabio Capello had just won his fourth league title in five years when he left for Real Madrid at the end of last season after a series of disagreements with the general manager Adriano Galliani. Now that a new coach, Oscar Tabares, has made a terrible start to the season, it will be interesting to see whether Tabares or Galliani, who has Silvio Berlusconi's ear, is still there this time next year.

THERE are exceptions to the new short-term mindset. At Auxerre, the current French champions, Guy Roux has held the reins for an astonishing 30 years. "I can't see that happening in Italy or England," Venables observed. "In Holland or France, maybe. But the demands of success here are too high."

Yet nowhere are these demands higher than at Old Trafford, where Alex Ferguson was given six years to establish himself before the off-the-cuff purchase of Eric Cantona added the final piece to his jigsaw, inaugurating the present era of success and awesome prosperity. Ferguson had spent those years painstakingly rebuilding the club's foundations in the old-fashioned way. Would a more "coach" be granted such leeway?

## MORSE

## Don't Believe the Hype.



Some computer companies talk about the Internet as though they invented it. The fact is, most have cobbled together a loose strategy in the last year or so.

But Sun coined the phrase 'the network is the computer' in the 80's. They were pioneers of open network computing. They wrote the Java language.

Oracle, too, have been pioneers. They have web-enabled their applications and are developing the Network Computer.

Don't believe the hype, call Morse. Find out how Sun and Oracle can help you.



Morse Computers 0181 232 8686

## Worried FA stepping up breath tests on players

John Duncan

THE Football Association has responded to fears about alcohol abuse in the game by revealing that it has been breath-testing players for the past three years. Though the results have never been published, the FA says that no one has yet failed a test for alcohol.

The news comes in the wake of Tony Adams's weekend confession to alcoholism, with the FA keen to demonstrate its commitment to keeping the game squeaky clean. Sources close to Adams say he has never been tested.

Sports Council drug testers, hired by the FA, have taken breathalysers to all 92 grounds at stadiums and training grounds since 1993, with any cases of more than 35mg — the limit for driving — to be reported to Lancaster Gate.

This year the FA's testing programme is its largest ever with 500 random tests, 80 per cent taken after morning training sessions. The FA's doping-control budget is £150,000.

"We will be testing players at every professional league club this season, either after matches or at the end of training sessions," said the FA spokesman Steve Double.

"The object of the testing isn't to wave a big stick; there is no question of a suspension if players are found to have alcohol in their system. We just want to find out who has a problem, and if they fail a test at training or a match, the chance is they have a problem."

If a player's sample shows unacceptable levels of alcohol the club doctor will be immediately informed of the result. It will be for the club to take action. Alcohol is not a prohibited substance, but it is a "restricted substance", which means its presence in samples can be noted and may be made illegal in some sports.

"The only circumstance we would take action," said Double, "would be if something happened on the field, like a punch-up, and the player involved was later found to have alcohol in his random test."

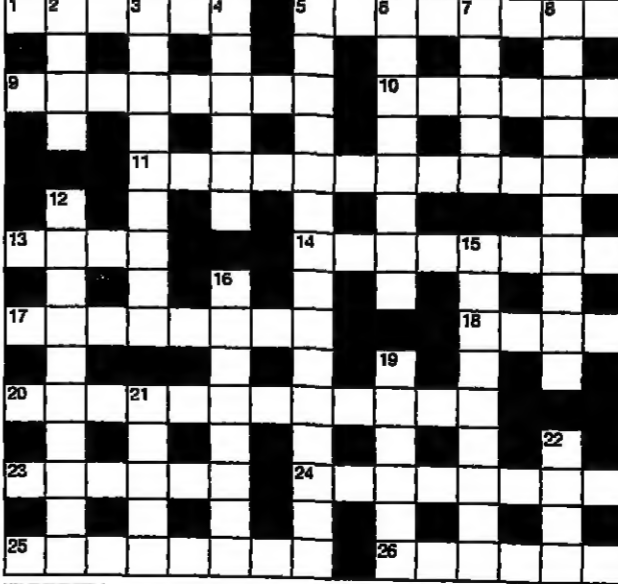
The FA reorganised and intensified its drug testing programme because of increasing fears over the use of social drugs such as cannabis, cocaine and amphetamines, all of which have been found in random tests in the past 18 months.

Last year the FA conducted 270 tests with eight positives, four for stimulants, four for marijuana. The FA has extended the testing programme to include players as young as nine at the centres of excellence.

**They never toured, never sang in public; they were too cussed, too drugged, too cool, too something. Sebastian Faulks on Steely Dan**

## Guardian Crossword No 20,760

Set by Logodaedalus

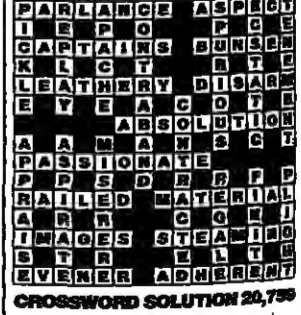


### Across

- 1 Sausage sandwich for sweating setter perhaps (3,3)
- 5 Hairdresser not entirely prompt for outdoor party (8)
- 9 Boxer was turned round unconscious? Never-never! (8)
- 10 Savage gets dry by a lake (5)
- 11 Pay tribute to Great Colton all chopped up (12)
- 13 Give thanks to football team in vehicle (4)
- 14 Insignificant queen in identical stockings (3-5)
- 17 One who accepts an offer, too backward to become established (4,4)
- 18 Flat that The Avengers would like to get (4)
- 20 Added something to pilable people close to Heath (12)
- 23 Reverse of iron stronghold for Labour (6)
- 24 Unsuccessful contestants are regenerated in pad with uncle (6)
- 25 Being casual, a learner gets behind in class (8)
- 26 Farmer wife in front of marquee perhaps getting degree (5)

### Down

- 2 Old boy, once heartless, provides music (4)
- 3 Poirot perhaps unmasked vet with deceit (8)
- 4 Yawning but with stick put in muzzle (8)
- 5 Farmer's warning: watch out for the market speculator (6,2,3,4)
- 6 Half-detach part of stem lifted up and shot full of holes (8)



### CROSSWORD SOLUTION 20,760

- 7 Look at the qualifiers, having the same rights (5)
- 8 Tea-dust scattered with net that's not supported (10)
- 12 Street arab puts a cloth over a cake (10)
- 15 It's excessively silly to retain registered debt (9)
- 16 Force doctors to get chaps lying on stomach (8)
- 19 Pin used to undo pleats (6)
- 21 Holiday souvenir perhaps (6)
- 22 Girl camouflages earth in winter month (4)

### Solution tomorrow

Stuck? Then call our solutions line on 0800 328 2288. Calls cost 30p per min, plus VAT. 45p per min at all other times. Service supplied by ADS.

Pensions sticks by bet on stock market

Inside

مكازم التحصيل